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Right-wingers pose new threat to battered Major

With the Maastricht bill moving to the Lords today, Euro-sceptic MPs are turning their minds to other issues that will unsettle the prime minister

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE shadows over John Major's leadership lengthened last night as anti-Maastricht Conservatives planned to put their grouping on a permanent footing and campaign for right-wing policies and personalities across the whole of government.

The disclosure that the 28-strong Fresh Start group intends to remain a thorn in Mr Major's side after the treaty is ratified intensified the pressure on the prime minister at the start of one of the most critical weeks of his leadership.

Today, Baroness Thatcher will rekindle the internal arguments over Europe by renewing her demand for a referendum as the Maastricht debate transfers to the Lords. She will be backed by Lord Tebbit and Lord Parkinson in denouncing the treaty as a blueprint for a European superstate.

On Wednesday, Mr Major will have to defend plans for public spending cuts against John Smith in a setpiece Commons debate. The Labour leader, under fire yesterday for his own performance, promised a fierce attack on what he claimed was the government's attempt to use the public borrowing crisis to undermine the welfare state.

Twenty-four hours later, the 1922 Committee executive — Tory backbenchers with the theoretical power to oust a prime minister — will examine the failure of the cabinet reshuffle to stop the rot, the slump in Mr Major's popularity, and disastrous weekend opinion polls. An NOP poll for *The Mail on Sunday* put the Liberal Democrats 15 points ahead of the Tories in Christchurch, where a by-election is imminent, while a *Sunday Times* survey found that a third of constituency party chairmen wanted Mr Major replaced.

With the Maastricht debate moved to the Lords, the Fresh Start group now intends to broaden its assault on government policies and launch a right-wing crusade aimed at recapturing the levers of power. The group, led by the former minister Michael Spicer, plans a series of policy papers and speeches outlining a new right-wing agenda. It will also press for more right-wingers in the cabinet, arguing that most of Mr Major's difficulties stem from his attempt to lead a right-of-centre party with a left-of-centre government. The group has a hard-core membership of 28, but its leaders believe that many others can be persuaded to rally to the flag.

James Cran, an unofficial Euro-sceptic whip in the Maastricht marathon, said: "There is a need for an intellectual powerhouse of the right. Fresh Start will retain an interest in all matters European, but we would like to shift the axis into areas such as the economy, the future of the welfare state and law and order."

The move will be regarded as an act of gross disloyalty by many centre-left Tories and ministers, but Mr Cran rejected the charge. "This is exactly what all sorts of people, including Margaret Thatcher, did in the 1970s. The best service you can do for your party and your country is to produce an agenda that keeps it in power. That is not disloyalty. It is to produce the agenda around which the Tory party and the country can rally. That is the ultimate loyalty. The wrong agenda serves neither your party nor your country."

The mutinous state of the Conservative party was highlighted by a "don't panic" call from John Gummer, the environment secretary, and an admission by the former cabinet minister David Mellor that the mood at Westminster was "sour, festering and awful". Right-wing critics of Mr Major speculated about a leadership challenge this autumn, saying that dismay at his performance was "infecting the whole of the party".

Speaking on ITV's *Crosstalk* programme, Mr Mellor said that reading the Sunday newspapers was like having "a bucket of dirty water thrown over you". He added: "Unless we pull together, this whole venture is going to become a major league disaster."

Mr Gummer acknowledged the fevered atmosphere, but insisted in a BBC television interview that Mr Major had the strength of character to pull the government through a world reces-

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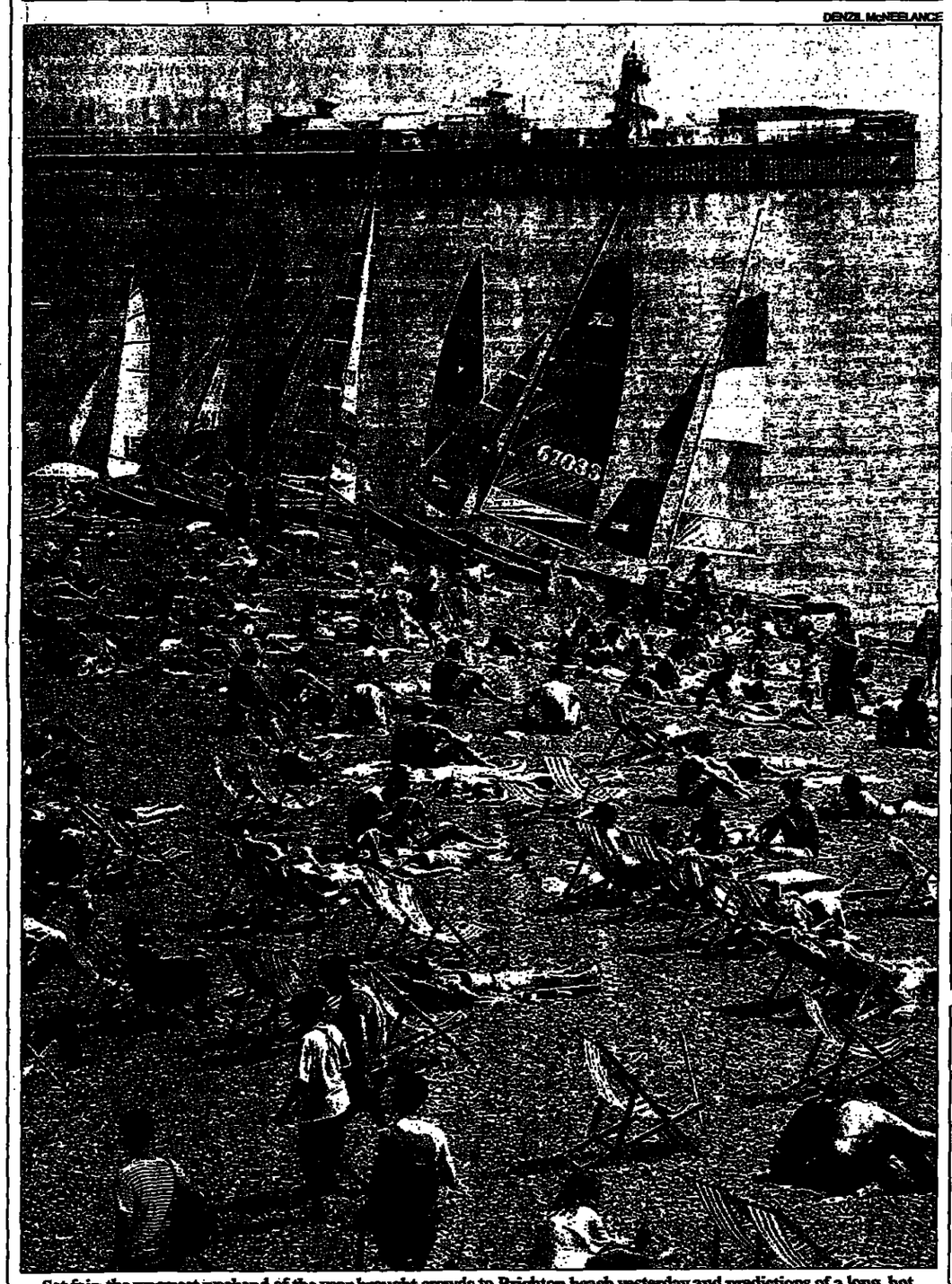

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Big stores face court action over doctored meat and fish

BY TONY DAWE

HIGH street shoppers are being tricked into buying meat, fish, poultry and fruit which has been doctored and wrongly labelled by producers and retailers fighting to maintain profits.

An investigation by *The Times* has found that food fraud is being perpetrated not just in markets and small stores but in the main supermarket chains.

The concern now being voiced by consumer watchdogs, food specialists and trading standards officers will be heightened by a series of cases coming before the courts in the coming weeks.

The Co-op and Holland and Barrett, the leading health food group, are among stores facing court this week in connection with alleged food fraud charges which they will deny.

Summonses will also be issued against the Gateway chain, while Birds Eye Wall's, one of the country's big convenience-food producers, is awaiting an Court of Appeal hearing over the use of soya and reformed meat in "succulent chicken breasts".

David Roberts, one of Britain's leading trading standards officers, said: "The pressure is on the multiple stores to sell at cheap prices and, while many of the measures they take are acceptable, we believe people must be told exactly what they are getting."

The Times investigation uncovered top cuts of meat wrapped in fat from the animal's udder or scrotum, fruit coated with wax made from the excreta of Asian beetles and hams which had been "tumbled, massaged and reformed" using meat from all parts of the pig instead of just the leg.

Some "smoked" bacon had merely been sprayed with a wood flavouring agent and many fish "steaks" were sold in batter or breadcrumbs because otherwise they would have fallen apart, having been made from "fish mince" removed from the bone by high-pressure water jets.

We discovered previously unreported prosecutions of firms producing pre-cooked dinners, which they claimed were cooked in wine and cream but which had seen neither, and a pending prosecution for selling chicken and mushroom pie filling which contained "no visible evidence of chicken".

Experts in the food industry expressed particular concern at the increasing use in sausages, burgers and processed meats of mechanically-recovered meat, a slurry removed from the carcass by hydraulic pressure or centrifugal force.

Sue Dibb, co-director of the Food Commission, an independent food-monitoring body, said: "It is part of a disturbing trend to produce food which might look good but is debased and has been created by technology."

Trading standards officers have called on producers to identify the substance on labels of all products in which it is used.

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Labour leaders turn guns on union chief

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND NICHOLAS WOOD

LABOUR leaders and the boss of one of Britain's biggest trade unions were locked in a bitter dispute last night over future links between the two wings of the movement.

Senior shadow cabinet figures reacted furiously to an attack on the leadership by John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general workers, accusing him of taking the heat off the Conservatives just as John Major was on the ropes and John Smith was moving in for the kill. But despite the wave of protest from Labour politicians, Mr Smith will still be rebuffed by a quarter of the entire voting strength of the Labour conference today, when three big unions reject his proposed reforms of Labour's internal democracy.

One senior leadership source said that Mr Edmonds had gone "on the rampage" and that if Mr Smith did not rein him in he would be "crucified" by the party. A shadow cabinet member said he was "aghast" at the contents and the timing of Mr Edmonds' tirade and a senior party source said he was in danger of appearing a "Neanderthal" in his defence of the unions' political muscle.

One angry MP said: "It won't be just a question of the unions having their tanks on our lawn, they will be in our front room." He warned that Mr Edmonds was threatening to undo all the painstaking work of the past few years to rid Labour of its image as the puppet of union barons.

The row erupted at the GMB's annual conference in Portsmouth where Mr Edmonds, in a conference speech and television interviews, attacked Mr Smith over his plans to introduce one-member-one-vote (Omov) for the selection of parliamentary candidates and the reselection of sitting MPs. The GMB chief, once a close ally of Mr Smith's, broadened his assault by claiming the shadow cabinet were failing to punch their weight and that the party was still dazed by its election defeat.

He reserved his scorn for a letter from five shadow cabinet members to constituency parties urging Omov. "What

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Spanish polls put left ahead

THE first three exit polls broadcast by Spanish television showed the ruling Socialist party slightly ahead of the conservative Popular party opposition in yesterday's legislative election.

The state-run network gave the Socialists 37.7 per cent of the vote, with the Popular party on 32.4 per cent. Two private stations published figures respectively of 36.2 per cent for the Socialists and 35.2 per cent for the conservatives, and of 37.1 per cent to 34.4 per cent.

The last surveys published before the election showed the Socialists, led by Felipe González, neck-and-neck with José María Aznar's Popular party. Neither party is expected to win an absolute majority, so the victor would form a coalition with a third party.

The Socialists have had an absolute majority in parliament since coming to power in 1982, but they have been dogged by corruption charges and economic woes highlighted by record unemployment of 22 per cent. *(AFP)*

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US hits Somali arms dump as UN men die

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United States was reported last night to have bombarded arms dumps belonging to Mogadishu's main warlord after Somali gunmen killed at least 22 Pakistani "blue berets" in an uprising in Mogadishu.

In a report from the Somali capital, the Italian news agency ANSA quoted United Nations military sources as saying a large number of artillery pieces and armoured vehicles belonging to the faction led by General Mohamad Farah Aideed had been destroyed. ANSA said the attack had been carried out by US Bell Huey "Cobra" helicopters firing TOW anti-tank missiles on three dumps north of Mogadishu.

The agency said there was no word on any casualties and that there had been no reaction so far from Aideed or his aides.

The United Nations Security Council was meeting in an emergency session last night after the uprising in Mogadishu which left 22 blue berets dead, another 50 wounded and 10 more kidnapped. At least 23 Somalis also died. The UN and relief agencies yesterday evacuated "non-essential" staff and brought aid work to a standstill. Foreign workers left behind took refuge in their walled compounds.

Military sources in the Somali capital were reported to have said that a large number of artillery pieces and armoured vehicles belonging to the Somali faction commanded by General Aideed had been destroyed in the attack.

The day-long insurrection in Mogadishu on Saturday was the worst attack on UN forces since the organisation's ill-fated intervention in the Congo in 1961 when 44 Ghanaian peacekeepers were massacred.

Mogadishu was rocked by the sounds of grenades, automatic weapons, and heavy machinegun fire from helicopters, as what was a routine inspection by Pakistani peacekeepers on Saturday of an armoury belonging to the city's strongest militia broke out into street fighting.

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Patten fuels test discord by vowing to publish papers

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

GOVERNMENT education policy faces a humiliating setback today with only a handful of schools expected to start the first compulsory tests for 14-year-olds.

The most widespread and politically contentious industrial action since the miners' strike is expected to halt testing for all but a tiny minority of the 600,000 pupils scheduled to sit the first paper in English this afternoon.

In an eleventh-hour bid to salvage some dignity for the government, John Patten, the education secretary, yesterday announced that test papers in science, mathematics, English and technology would be published immediately they were sat. The questions were straightforward and parents would wonder what all the fuss was about, he said.

Leading industrialists, academics and politicians rally behind Mr Patten's stance in an advertisement in *The Times* today placed by the traditionalist pressure group, the Campaign for Real Education. It says regular national tests are required to raise standards of achievement and make schools accountable to parents and the public.

Those signing the statement, which also criticises the teaching unions, include: Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson plc; Sir Simon Hornby, chairman of W H Smith; Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons Group; Rocco Forte, chief executive of Forte; Julian Blackwell, chairman of the Blackwell Group, and Kenneth Baker, the former education secretary.

Mr Patten, in a BBC television interview with Sir David Frost, indicated that the government would not tolerate future disruption. He said: "Nothing is ruled in and nothing is ruled out for next year in terms of action to ensure that tests are taken. We may have to take some action, perhaps change the law."

At present, only head teachers and governors are legally required to ensure that national curriculum tests for seven, 11 and 14-year-olds go ahead, leaving local education authorities responsible for docking the pay of classroom teachers taking industrial action. *The Times* disclosed in April that ministers were considering fresh legislation to close the loophole.

Mr Patten also hinted that external markers might be brought in next year, answering complaints about teachers' workload which lie at the heart of the boycott by the three largest unions. The final number of schools implementing the tests for 14-year-olds over the next fortnight will not become clear until government examination advisers begin to compile results at the end of the month.

Both the education department and the School Examinations and Assessment Council are refusing to make predictions.

John Andrews, general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers — the only classroom union that is not joining the boycott — said he expected that the number completing all tests would barely reach double figures.

One signatory of today's *Times* advertisement, Sir Anthony Gill, chairman of Lucas Industries, said testing was essential for improving the quality of the workforce. "There are basic defects with the education system and the more we can learn about how it is performing the quicker we can improve matters," he said.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said Mr Patten risked inflaming the dispute by making threats about changing the law. "At a stroke, that would raise the temperature and damage the chances of Sir Ron Dearing finding a resolution with his review of the curriculum and testing," he said.

A measure of the effectiveness of the boycott is seen in Wandsworth, south London. Only one secondary school controlled by the Conservative borough that spearheaded the fight against industrial action is expected to complete the tests for 14-year-olds. About 100 girls at Walsingham School, Clapham, will sit them.

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Patten: threatening a change in the law

TED BATH

Collision course: John Edmonds, GMB general secretary, attacks John Smith's plan to curb union block votes

Bankers defy government to seek tougher security

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

SENIOR bankers in the City of London are arguing that plans for traffic restrictions to stop IRA bombers do not go far enough and that the government should consider a Belfast-style "ring of steel" round the whole area.

Since a terrorist bomb severely damaged the City for the second time in just over a year, there has been a behind-the-scenes campaign for radical security measures.

On Friday the City of London Corporation issued proposals to ban all but buses, taxis and a small number of approved vehicles from streets around Bank, Mansion House and the Stock Exchange. It is also planning to improve security by making litter bins bomb-proof and appointing more police.

Senior bankers, led by Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster Bank, and backed by foreign institutions, do not feel the plans are sufficientand have defied subtle government pressure to play down the matter. Their concerns have been spelled out in robust correspondence with the City Corporation and they appear to have tacit approval from the Bank of England, although it will not comment. One senior banker said: "Such a proposal [for armed guards at checkpoints on all entrances to the City] may never be adopted but it should be examined, whatever use the IRA may make of it for propaganda.

"The City's response to the last incident was absolutely super but it's our collective responsibility to City business to minimise the risk of it ever happening again."

Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation's policy and resources committee, said of the bankers' campaign: "They made it clear that they wanted to see something happening on the streets, not just talk of improvements in the gathering of intelligence."

The government considers it has gone a long way to help restore confidence in the City by pushing the reinsurance (acts of terrorism) bill quickly through the Commons last month. But it was disclosed last night that insurance premiums will rise up to 300 per cent when the new arrangements come into force.

The bill, in effect, makes the government an insurer of last resort for damage caused by terrorist attacks. This became necessary after underwriters withdrew from the market last year following the first bomb in April 1992, at St Mary Axe. Terrorism claims of more than £100,000 will be paid by Pool Re, a new mutual insurance company guaranteed by the government.

The City Corporation criticised the government over the much-increased premiums. Bernard Harty, Chamberlain of the Corporation, said: "We are extremely angry about it. They did not discuss the scheme with us at all."

The government decided to go ahead with the increases because the bomb in Bishopsgate in April has created a huge drain on Pool Re's resources. If the fund ran dry, public money might have to be put into it.

The Department of Trade and Industry said: "A terrorist review was carried out and Pool Re has restructured the system of tariffs. In some cases that is going to involve premium increases of up to 300 per cent. Elsewhere, in low-risk areas, there are going to be some decreases."

The Association of British Insurers said it was disappointed by the government's decision. Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, will meet a delegation from interested parties on Wednesday to discuss the decision.

GMB chief clashes with Labour

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trade unionists are hearing is a very unpleasant message that Labour does not want them involved in important decision-making," Mr Edmonds said. "It is very uncomfortable and in some cases painful to be told by political friends that they don't want you involved in important decisions.

"Couple that with the view that we are not projecting a positive image of Labour and you have grassroots support being disaffected. Put the two things together and we are moving into a dangerous area."

David Blunkett, one of the letter's five signatories, said that Mr Edmonds was running round the party like a "headless chicken". But Mr Smith sought to stay above the fray, defending his Omov proposals and pointing to Labour's opinion poll lead as proof he was doing a good job.

However, union activists at the GMB conference and parallel gatherings being held by the Nupe public employees' union and the NCU communication workers, are all expected today to vote against Omov. The votes will make it clear to Mr Smith's supporters that he is on course for a humiliating defeat if he insists on going to the conference with his Omov proposals.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Youth centre abuse claims to be studied

Claims that six children suffered broken bones while being restrained by staff at the Aycliffe Centre, where many of Britain's most disturbed youngsters are held, are to be investigated by the health department's social services inspectorate (Jenny Knight writes). The department said yesterday that management and care at the centre in Newton Aycliffe, co. Durham, will be reviewed.

Aycliffe is reputedly Britain's toughest children's home, housing about 120 youngsters aged eight to 18, including children convicted of murder, rape and arson and victims of physical or sexual abuse. In a *World In Action* programme on ITV tonight, former residents tell how armlock techniques accidentally caused broken bones. Claims are also made of solvent abuse and self-mutilation.

Herbert Laming, chief inspector of the social services inspectorate, said: "While recognising that the young people in Aycliffe are difficult to manage, we take seriously any allegations of abuse and injury." The county council and the centre's director, Dr Masud Hoghughi, have rejected previous claims of excessive force.

Judge wants trial limit

The judge who presided over the Guinness trial in 1990 called yesterday for a limit of four months on serious fraud trials. Mr Justice Henry said justice was suffering because of the time cases were taking. The Guinness trial lasted seven months. In an interview with BBC2's *The Money Programme*, he called for judges to be given power to issue "yellow card" warnings to people who talked for too long. "These trials are taking 17 to 18 months. Trials at that length are not good for anyone," he said.

Sir Peter Hordern MP

The Rt Hon Sir Peter Hordern, MP for Horsham, has asked us to point out that contrary to the report in The Times of Tuesday, June 1, he is no longer a Member of Lloyd's. He resigned in 1988 and has no open positions. We apologise for this error and any embarrassment that it may have caused him.

Callers accuse clergy

Almost 240 people called a helpline to claim they had been sexually abused by clergymen. The line, open for 4½ hours, was set up by producers of the BBC2 documentary programme *Everyman*, which interviewed families of children abused by Sam Penney, a former Roman Catholic priest in the Midlands who is serving seven years in jail. Canon Alan Priestley, spokesman for the Birmingham diocese of the Church of England, said: "I am very concerned that so many people have called the helpline."

Gang kills teenager

A teenage boy was stabbed to death in Hinckley, Leicestershire, early yesterday morning by a gang armed with knives and baseball bats. The boy, 16, was out celebrating with friends after his parents had agreed that he could apply to join the police after he had completed his GCSEs this month. He was killed when walking in the town centre after a van pulled up and the gang jumped out. In a separate incident in the town a man was stabbed in the chest. Police said 12 youths were being questioned.

Allitt cover-up denied

Brian Edwards, regional general manager of Trent Health Authority, denied claims that a firm of public relations consultants was appointed as a means of covering up the truth behind the case of the serial killer Beverly Allitt (right). He said: "The support of Westminster Strategy in dealing with the media left local staff with some space to get on with their primary task of caring for patients."

Churchill under attack

Winston Churchill, the Tory MP for Davyhulme who sparked outrage by calling for a halt to the "relentless flow of immigrants" into Britain, was accused of talking dangerous nonsense at a meeting in his constituency yesterday. Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, said: "Expressions of racial prejudice, which used to be commonplace in Britain 25 years ago, are no longer acceptable. The danger is that Winston Churchill's speech helps to make such views respectable again."

Asian man shot dead

Police were questioning a 36-year-old man last night about the killing of an Asian man, shot dead on his doorstep. Iftikhar Malik, 23, was shot with a pump-action shotgun as he went to answer the doorbell of the house in Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne. Community leaders asked Newcastle's Asian and black community to remain calm. Det Chief Supt Barry Stewart of Northumbria police said: "We cannot dismiss the possibility of the attack being of a racist nature."

Killer was on bail

The man who shot his former girl friend outside a DIY store in Cheltenham was on police bail for alleged violence against her. Stuart Jobson, 42, killed June Smith, 45, on Friday in front of her daughter and grandchildren and then shot himself dead. He was arrested last month for alleged violence against Mrs Smith, but Gloucestershire police had insufficient evidence to charge him. Mrs Smith's daughter Tracey fled into the store; her children Victoria, 4, and Sean, 2, were hurt by pellets.

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Right poses new threat to Major

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sion that was blighting governments across the globe. "People have said: 'Low in the polls, bad rating for the prime minister: how can you look forward to victories in the future?' One way to make sure you lose in the future is if we don't take the right decisions now and if we are panicked or pushed."

The two-day second reading debate in the Lords on Maastricht will be contested by a galaxy of political stars past and present. A record number of peers, 128, intend to speak and Lady Thatcher, Lord Parkinson and Lord Tebbit will be confronted by equally eminent supporters of the treaty. Three former foreign secretaries — Lords Howe, Pym and Carrington — will relive some of their old battles with the former prime minister. Lord Wakeham will open the debate for the government.

The expected stormy Lords debates are one of the reasons a special EC summit is being called for the autumn, it emerged last night. The meeting is expected to agree to site the European Central Bank and its European Monetary Institute in Germany, and the decision has been deliberately delayed to avoid embarrassing Mr Major while the Maastricht bill is still going through Parliament.

Britain has argued that the bank should be in London, but it has been privately acknowledged for more than a year that it would be in Germany and all that remains to be decided is which city.

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Right to silence 'should change'

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A Home Office minister yesterday called for changes to the right to silence enjoyed by defendants for centuries as part of reforms to toughen the criminal justice system.

David Maclean, minister of state at the Home Office with responsibility for criminal justice, said the right to silence was being abused by suspects and helped foster an impression that the system was loaded in favour of criminals.

The first Home Office minister to call openly for changes in the right to silence, Mr Maclean signalled a toughening in the government's approach to law and order. He told *The Times* that he believed judges should be allowed to comment on the fact that a defendant had exercised his or her right to remain silent while being questioned by police.

"I just don't think it is right that a rule invented 300 years ago to prevent inarticulate yokels from being hanged for stealing chickens is right for today. That rule is irrelevant today as every alleged offender can get a whizz kid lawyer to work for them," he said. He said the present right to silence contributed to the "impression that the system is against the innocent".

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, has indicated that he thinks judges should be able to comment on the fact that a defendant stayed silent; Kenneth Clarke, the former home secretary, favoured a similar change. His successor, Michael Howard, has not committed himself.

Nadir outcry threatens Mates's future

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ANXIOUS government whips will sound out Conservative MPs this week over the future of Michael Mates, the Northern Ireland minister, who is at the centre of the outcry over government links with the fugitive tycoon, Asil Nadir.

The possibility of Mr Mates's resignation may also be raised at the meeting of the 1922 executive of senior Conservative backbenchers on Thursday.

"I think he could find it difficult, but let us see," one leading Tory said last night, adding that, with John Major under intense political pressure, MPs might be reluctant to rock the boat any further. The prime minister will be keen to avoid any further changes to his government after the uproar over his limited reshuffle before the Whitsun recess.

The storm over Mr Mates's connections with the former chairman of the failed Polly Peck Group erupted after it was disclosed that the minister gave him a watch inscribed "Don't let the buggers get you down" as a birthday present only days before he jumped bail of £3.5 million. He fled to Northern Cyprus while facing 13 charges of theft and false accounting. Mr Mates also interceded three times on Mr Nadir's behalf with Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general.

But yesterday the spotlight was on Michael Heseltine, who is a close ally of Mr Mates, after confirmation that he had also "had a word" with Sir Nicholas over the Serious Fraud Office's handling of the case.

Robin Cook, the shadow trade secretary, said it was breathtaking that the President of the Board of Trade should have taken up the cudgels on Mr Nadir's behalf. Mr Cook said: "Michael Heseltine's job is to make sure company law protects the innocent, not to make representations to protect a private individual charged with defrauding the public.

"I am today calling on Michael Heseltine to take two steps to clear the air. He must tell the public who was the person who persuaded him to take up Asil Nadir's case.

"He must restart the proceedings in his Department to ban Asil Nadir as a company director. Continued delay will only deepen doubts about Asil Nadir's relationship with this government."

A Department of Trade and Industry spokesman said on Saturday night that Mr Heseltine "had a word with the attorney-general. Someone spoke to him. There was a conversation. He did not write."

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Sightseers ignore safety warnings to watch Scarborough's grand old hotel disappear into the sea

Crumbling cliff will cost government millions to repair

By Paul Wilkinson

The landslip that swept away a Scarborough hotel has highlighted the danger to an entire coastline

CIVIL engineers will today begin assessing how to stabilise half a mile of coastline at Scarborough, North Yorkshire, which collapsed at the weekend, devastating a £1 million hotel.

Making the area safe will cost millions of pounds, most of which is expected to come from central government funds. The work to stabilise the cliff at Scarborough will take many months and it could be well into next year before the area is reopened to the public.

A similar project carried out at Whitby, 20 miles further north, cost £3 million, most of which was provided by the agriculture ministry, which has overall responsibility for protection the coastlines.

Today, engineers will begin drilling a series of boreholes in the land surrounding the slip to discover whether the subsoil is still moving and the extent of restoration work. The owners of several homes further inland from the crumbling Holbeck Hall Hotel have expressed their fears over the safety of their homes, despite assurances that the slip is unlikely to affect their properties.

Scarborough council will draw up a plan for the repairs, which will be eligible for government grant aid. The agriculture ministry would be responsible if it was tidal erosion, but if it is classed as a landslip then it becomes a matter for the environment department.

The hotel was the biggest single tourist attraction in the North Yorkshire resort yesterday. One onlooker, Kevin Keld, from Scarborough, said: "In a way it's awful watching, but you just can't take your eyes off it. It makes for compulsive viewing."

Extra police were drafted to control thousands of sightseers drawn by the weekend's spectacular pictures of the 110-year-old building teetering on the brink of 100ft cliffs. One man had to be ordered away after he was spotted walking on the clay below the hotel, attempting to video the scene.

Kevin Barrand, a council official, said: "It's developed into a round-the-clock headache. People are acting madly simply to get a better view. But they have got to realise the danger signs and cordons are serious. This is still a very dangerous area."

The ground was still moving, although not as dramatically as 48 hours previously. Evidence of continuing activity could be heard from the regular groans from the hotel shell.

On what was the sunniest Sunday of the season so far, roads to the scene were jammed and ice cream and hot dog sellers carried out a brisk trade on pitches at the top and bottom of the landslip.

The hotel, which began slipping into the North Sea early on Friday morning as the clay strata below it subsided, is covered by insurance. By last night more than half of the Victorian mock-Tudor building had toppled over the edge, but the rest was in such a parlous state that even if the ground stops moving, it will have to be demolished.

Many antiques and paintings inside the crumbling building have been lost, although the owners were able to salvage three lorry-loads over the weekend. Yesterday some of the furniture could be seen strewn across the steep muddy slope.

Erosion is a constant problem along the east coast, particularly the 40-mile section from Spurn Head at the mouth of the Humber northwards towards Flamborough Head. Farmland along the sealine is disappearing faster than anywhere in Europe, in some places at up to ten yards a year.

Sue Earle, a farmer whose home is likely to disappear in the next 18 months and who chairs the Holderness coast protection committee, is meeting Earl Howe, the junior agriculture minister, today to discuss proposals for an overall strategy for the coast. Last night agriculture ministry officials discounted suggestions that new proposals would be forthcoming at the meeting.

Mrs Earle said yesterday: "Although it's very sad for the people involved, what has happened in Scarborough is manna from heaven for us because it accentuates the problems faced by several communities in Holderness and hopefully puts the problem of erosion on the national agenda.

"The problem we face in our small villages and farming communities is much more serious than Scarborough's. But now something similar has happened in a nationally known seaside resort. I hope it will help to get the issue right out into the open."

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JOHN GILES

Down to the sea in slips: Holbeck Hall Hotel in Scarborough continuing to collapse yesterday, to the fascination of crowds of onlookers

Parish clerk's campaign transforms filthy beach into a bathers' haven

By Nicholas Watt

ONE of Britain's filthiest beaches has been transformed into one of the cleanest after a seven-year campaign by a local parish clerk to replace its 60-year-old sewer.

Thurlestone beach, near Plymouth, in Devon, which consistently failed European Community hygiene tests, passed this year after a new system cleared up the raw sewage that had polluted the picturesque cove.

Hygiene has improved at beaches throughout Britain this year. In the EC tests, carried out by the National Rivers Authority (NRA), the pass rate increased by 3.4 per cent, making this the cleanest year since records began. Out of 416 beaches tested in England and Wales, 328 passed compared with only 210 five years ago.

Lord Strathclyde, the junior environment minister, will this morning sound an upbeat note on the state of Britain's beaches when he awards the Tidy Britain Group Seaside Awards, which point to a marked improvement on last year.

Thurlestone was the first beach to be selected by South West Water for a new sewage plant under its ambitious £900 million "Clean Sweep" programme to curb coastal pollution. The authority, which admits it is tackling "a hundred years of neglect", promises that a network of new plants will treat sewage for the first time at sites along the coasts of Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset.

Bill Ladd, Thurlestone's parish clerk, who bombarded South West Water with letters and graphs to highlight the danger of the beach's old sewer, said his campaign had been such a success that villagers were criticising him for encouraging tourists. He recalled the filth that made the beach 16 times over the limit specified in basic EC health guidelines. "The pipe used to pump out the untreated sewage above the low water mark, which meant it collected in little pools," he said. "Swimmers were often confronted by human excrement, condoms and sanitary towels."

Treated water from the sewage plant installed last August now flows into the sea from the middle of Thurlestone North beach next to bathers lolling in the sun. Mr Ladd said: "The final discharge is pretty clean."

Less than 20 miles down the Devon coast, two beaches in Plymouth tell a different story. Plymouth Hoe East and West join Blackpool's notoriously dirty beaches on a list of 48 that have consistently failed over the past three years. Raw sewage is pumped into Plymouth Sound and dark frothy water laps onto the beaches, which have some of the finest views in Britain.

South West Water agrees that the bathing water at the beaches is poor and points out that by 1998 "Clean Sweep" will have updated Plymouth's sewage works. Bill Baty, the authority's engineering director, said: "Plymouth is one of our largest schemes. The crude discharges into the Sound will be intercepted under the new scheme."

The southwest region accounted for nearly a third of the beaches tested by the NRA, which placed a heavy burden on the authority and ratepayers, he said. "We have 134 beaches out of the 416 tested. We have 33 major schemes affecting 81 beaches in the 'Clean Sweep' programme and only 15 of our beaches failed this year."

In the tests, inspectors from the NRA take at least 20 samples from the 416 designated beaches to look for 19 different chemical, biological, viral and other quality markers. If more than one sample exceeds the EC standards the beach fails.

Last year it was claimed that a higher proportion of British beaches were dirtier than those in many other European countries. In this year's report, the NRA pointed out that only Britain and Belgium carried out every EC test. Greece failed to carry out 83 and France failed to carry out 63 of the tests.

☐ Breathing problems have increased in children over the past 30 years despite reduced air pollution levels, research to be published today shows.

Those living in northern England and South Wales appear to be worst hit. The surprising findings fly in the face of long-established evidence linking respiratory symptoms with atmospheric pollution. Researchers at the London's Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine and St George's Hospital School of Medicine examined ten towns across Britain over 24 years for the study, funded by the Medical Research Council and the Coronary Artery Disease Research Association.

Woman clings to bonnet of stolen car

A WOMAN survived a 600-yard ride clinging to the bonnet of a stolen car as she tried to stop thieves escaping with the vehicle.

Shona Lynch, 42, disturbed the pair trying to break into her car in a car park in Dumbarton, Strathclyde, police said yesterday. As they tried to escape in a red Vauxhall Cavalier, stolen earlier, she leapt on to the bonnet and was taken on a ride through three sets of traffic lights in the town centre.

When the car stopped, Mrs Lynch slid off, suffering cuts and bruises. Her husband Patrick said: "She was very brave."

Police said two youths were wanted for attempted murder. They appealed for witnesses to the incident, which took place at about 3.30pm on Saturday. The car was found abandoned later in Glasgow.

Irish policeman shot by accident in raid

AN IRISH policeman was shot by a colleague during the arrest on Saturday night of three Englishmen allegedly involved in drug-smuggling (Edward Gorman writes).

Detectives in West Cork intercepted a white van at Tragumna, near Skibbereen. During a struggle with the two men in the van a uniformed officer was thrown back against a detective who had drawn his revolver. Police in Dublin said the gun went off accidentally, hitting the officer in the back. He was in a comfortable condition in hospital after surgery.

The arrests led to the seizure of £3.5 million worth of cannabis resin. A third man was arrested on a yacht. John Webb, from Essex, was remanded in custody on charges of possession of drugs and possession with intent to supply.

☐ Police are investigating an incident yesterday in which a Belgian soldier was shot during an exercise on British Army firing ranges in Northumberland. The soldier suffered arm and neck wounds.

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Country music's one-time king dies

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

STETSONS were doffed yesterday as country and western music fans mourned the loss of their hero Conway Twitty.

The American singer, best-known for the 1958 hit *It's Only Make Believe*, switched from rock and roll to country music in the mid-sixties, achieving a record of more than 50 No 1 singles in the US country and western charts.

His death, on Saturday, followed a performance in Branson, Missouri. Twitty, 59, collapsed on his tour bus and was taken to hospital in nearby Springfield. It is thought he suffered a blocked abdominal artery.

Tributes to the singer, who was born Harold Jenkins and whose bizarre stage name derives from two small towns in Arkansas and Texas, were prompt in Britain. Fans here, who favour the traditional country musicians such as Willy Nelson and Jim Reeves, see Twitty as the epitome of the older style, according to Lee Williams, general manager of Quality Country Music Radio.

"I think he will be more missed here than in America in some respects. Modern country music is very popular over there at the moment, but fans here still retain a love for the traditional Twitty ballad. Country fans here are going to feel very sad for a few days."

QCMR listeners telephoned the station to express their sorrow and to request Conway Twitty favourites. Some of his biggest hits included *After All the Good is Gone*, *Hello Darlin'* and *Tight Fittin' Jeans*.

Twitty remained one of the most expensive acts on the country circuit. In Britain, country and western music is experiencing a boom. For now, however, fans of the genre will be busy mourning the loss of its one-time king.

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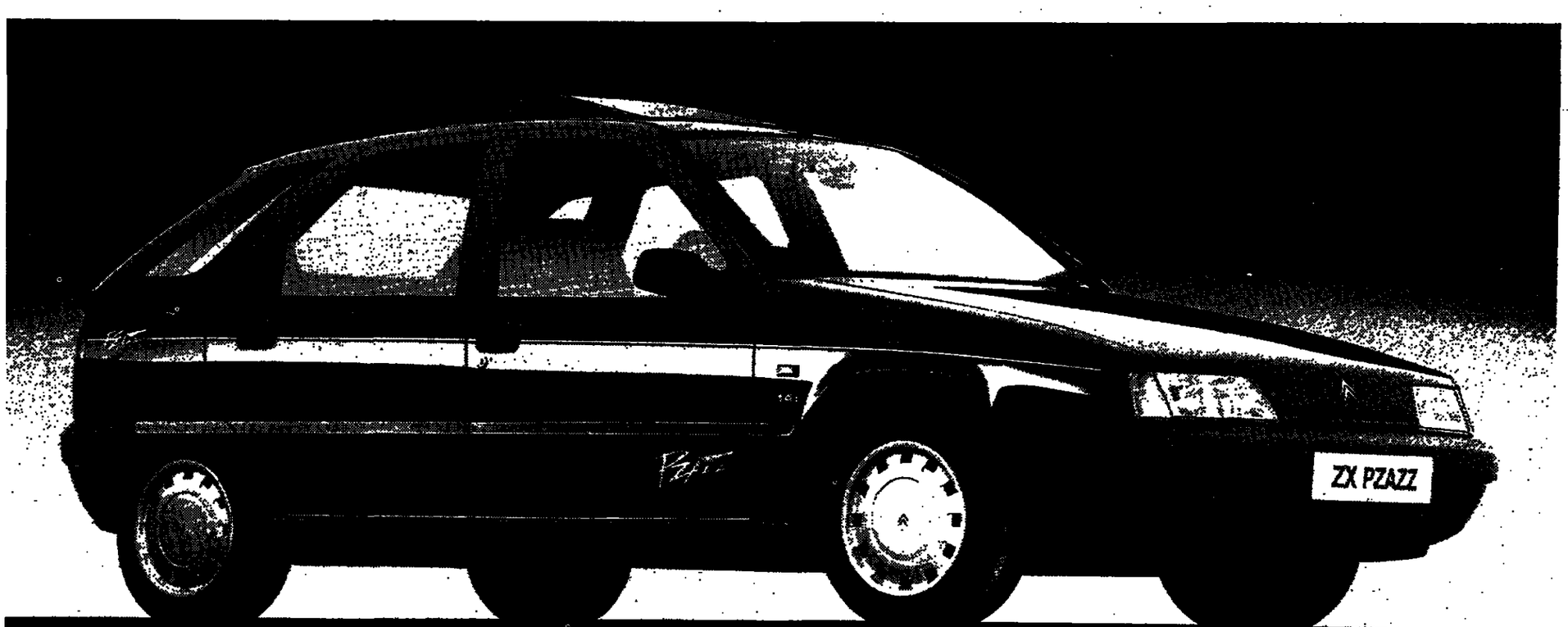

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Rains wash away the 20th century's longest drought

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

UNDERGROUND supplies of water, on which parts of Britain are largely dependent, are back to normal for the first time in five years, signalling the end of the longest drought this century.

In 1992 seven million people in south and southeast England had hosepipe bans and other curbs on water use, many for the fourth consecutive year. Only three months ago, after an exceptionally dry February, water companies were worried that they might have to ration use again.

Rainfall well above average in April and May in nearly all regions has washed these fears away. Mike Wilkins, of the Water Services Association, which represents the ten regional water suppliers, said: "The prospects look the best in years. The emphasis will now switch to long-term management of supplies."

Britain has never wanted for water in general. The problem is that most rain falls in the north and west, where Atlantic depressions meet the mountains of the Lake District and Wales, and the least falls in the south and east, where intensive farming, industry and population are concentrated. Even in a normal year, Barcelona gets more rain than Cambridge.

What made this drought particularly severe was the combination of a string of hotter-than-usual summers with exceptionally low winter rainfall over most of the period from early 1988 to 1992. Winter rains are vital to recharge the water-bearing rock formations, known as aquifers, lying beneath the chalk, limestone and sandstone hills of lowland England. Parts of the Midlands and South East rely on these natural underground reservoirs for up to 90 per cent of their water supply.

The aquifers replenish only between November and May because most summer rainfall evaporates or is absorbed by growing crops and vegetation before it has time to percolate through the soil to gather in the pores and fissures of the rock below.

Terry Marsh, who monitors rainfall data at the Institute of Hydrology in Wallingford, Oxfordshire, said the wet weather in April and May was welcome, but the real benefit came from the good rains in autumn and early winter.

He said: "The wet autumn of 1992 was critically important for groundwater levels. Water began to filter down as early as September and sustained wet weather thereafter ensured abundant replenishment of most aquifers between October and January.

"There are still some pockets of concern, for example in north Kent on the Thames estuary, but in general the early summer aquifer levels are the highest for five years. This is a remarkable recovery from a year ago when they were the lowest on record."

ELEANOR BENTALL

Starter's orders: entrants in a sponsored dog walk awaiting a signal from the actress Imelda Staunton, right, yesterday. The dogs and their owners followed a course around Hampstead Heath in northwest London to raise money for the Iberian Wolf Recovery Centre in Portugal, a sanctuary that aims to halt the animal's decline by breeding cubs and eventually releasing them into the wild

Mother dies after house fire

Melanie Anderson, 27, of Scunthorpe, Humberside, died in hospital nearly a week after receiving 70 per cent burns in a fire which started when a car was driven up to her front door and set ablaze.

Her two young sons were seriously injured in the incident. Nathan, 2, is in a critical condition at St James' Hospital, Leeds, and his brother Ashley, 5, is making progress at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

A man has appeared at Scunthorpe Magistrates Court in connection with the incident.

Killing plea

Rod Richards, MP for Clwyd NW, is to meet a Foreign Office minister today to discuss the case of Fiona Jones, the schoolteacher murdered in France. Mr Richards and Mrs Jones's parents hope government pressure may persuade the French that her killer's sentence was too lenient.

Death charge

A man was charged with the murder of Mohammed Hanif, 43, whose body was found dumped in a field five days after a robbery at a garage in Hall Green, Birmingham.

Train trouble

BR officials attending a seminar in Weymouth, Dorset, to discuss train problems arrived 45 minutes late because their special service was delayed.

Murder case

Keith Raymond Collard, 24, of Enfield, north London, was charged with the murder last month of Katrina Monk, 12.

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Managers feel the greatest insecurity

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PROFESSIONALS, managers and skilled manual workers are top of the list of those who have suffered feelings of insecurity about their jobs during the recession, according to a report published today.

The report, *Employee Commitment and the Skills Revolution*, also shows that stress among the workforce has increased markedly.

The survey studied a sample of almost 4,000 people. The results show that many more white-collar workers, especially in the South East, have been affected than in the recession of the early eighties.

The research was carried out by Nuffield College, Oxford, and funded jointly by the government and a number of large companies, including BT and Sainsbury. Respondents were asked about commitment, effort, satisfaction at work, training and skills, and whether they felt their job security had decreased over the past five years.

Forty-three per cent of skilled manual workers said they felt it had. For professionals and managers, the figure was 39 per cent of the sample, and for technicians, 34 per cent. Thirty-three per cent of lower-grade non-manual workers and 30 per cent of unskilled manual employees felt less secure.

Overall, men felt more insecure than women about their jobs: 40 per cent of men, compared with 31 per cent of women. Insecurity among women was most evident among professionals and managers, 36 per cent of whom said their jobs were now less secure.

Sixty per cent of those who felt less secure about work also said stress had increased.

☐ Most people would carry on working even if they did not need the money, says the Employment in Britain survey, published today.

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BBC investigates corruption claims

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC executive at the centre of an internal enquiry into allegations of corruption in the corporation services and administration department has been investigated twice before over alleged malpractice.

The BBC confirmed yesterday that an investigation was under way into fresh allegations that a senior adviser to its services division, which is responsible for awarding millions of pounds worth of contracts, had improper business relationships with outside companies.

Bob Pugh, who until recently headed BBC television's administration and facilities management department and now acts as an adviser to the newly created services division, has been the subject of at least two internal enquiries in the past ten years. On both occasions, Mr Pugh was cleared of wrongdoing. The new enquiry will focus on allegations published in *The Sunday Times* yesterday that Mr Pugh's department has received gifts and favours from contractors eager to win or keep business with the corporation and that consultancy work worth thousands of pounds was awarded to one of his close friends.

The enquiry has been entrusted to two senior executives. The BBC's investigations department of lawyers and former police officers will be involved in an advisory capacity only.

Mr Pugh, 49, was unavailable for comment. BBC staff confirmed, however, that he is due to take early retirement, probably this autumn.

Roger Bolton, national officer for the BBC of Bectu, the broadcasting union, said he would be raising the issue with the BBC management this morning.

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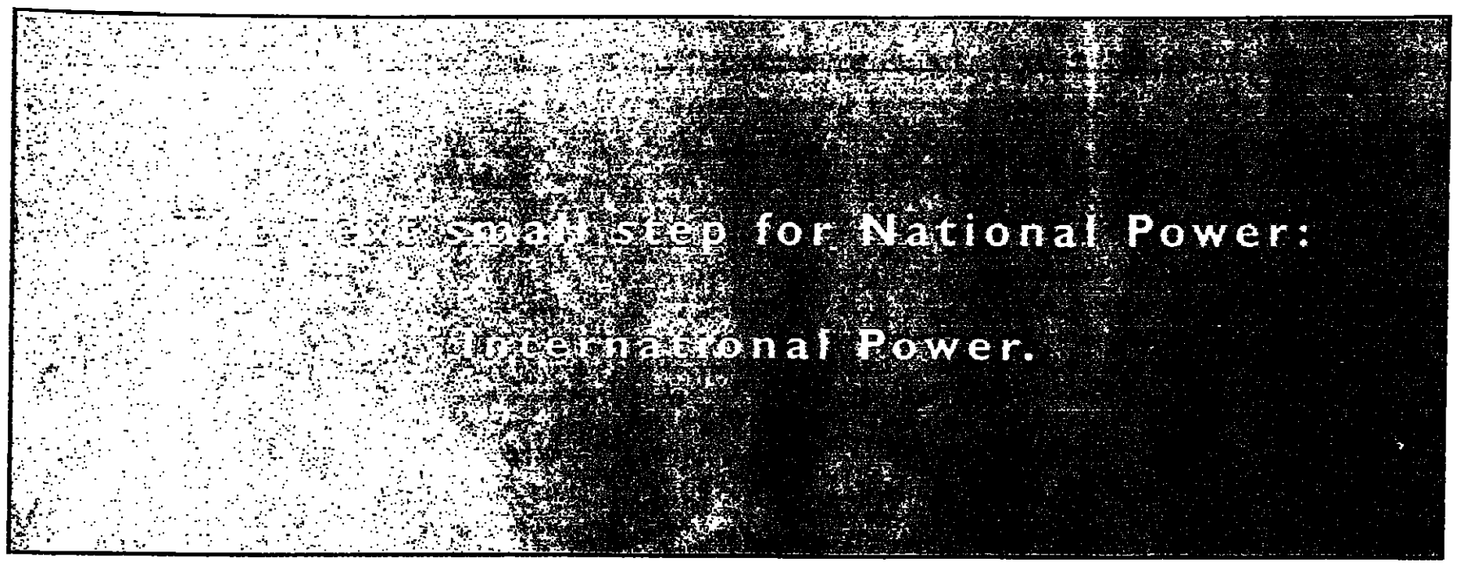

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By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

BRITAIN'S most famous car company is seeking salvation from new entrepreneurs in countries that are abandoning communist command economics.

Rolls-Royce is switching to exports, opening showrooms in Russia and China, as sales in this country continue to fall — even though the recession in sales of new cars is over. Sales of all new cars in May went up by 12 per cent, yet Rolls-Royce sales were down to 38 this May compared with 64 last May. In the first five months, UK sales were down from 204 to 149.

Peter Ward, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday that British buyers were still hesitating about investing in a Rolls-Royce during bad times for fear of seeming to flaunt their wealth. Yet there was no such stigma attached to the £100,000 cars abroad where buyers still aspired to the hand-made luxury of wood and leather. Mr Ward also pointed to changes in taxation of company cars which could penalise Rolls-Royce owners next year.

He said: "If you go to any part of the world, they know the name of Rolls-Royce and value it. This company will have been around for 90 years next year but people here seem to quietly forget that.

"This company is part of Great Britain Limited, an exporter which carries the flag for this country. The problem of social acceptability of a Rolls-Royce in a time of recession is very much a British disease."

Mr Ward is looking to parts of the world where capitalism is growing to take up the slack in this country, where the share of all sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentleys has dwindled to 25 per cent. The Pacific Rim's share has grown to a 20 per cent share. With sales down at home, the company could have a record year in Taiwan and Hong Kong while Singapore is growing fast.

But Russia and China provide two of the biggest opportunities. A showroom opens in Moscow next month and one is to follow in China in Cantonprovince near the Hong Kong border. In one weekend in China, a Rolls-Royce salesman found nearly 20 buyers recently and the company has sold 30 cars this year without a showroom.

"We have high hopes for those new areas like the Pacific Rim and South America, those new areas where entrepreneurs will become the buyers of Rolls-Royces," Mr Ward said. Even if buyers cannot be found for new cars, second-hand sales to the Continent are good enough for one motor dealer to appoint agents for France, Germany and Japan. James Crickmay, sales director at Frank Dale and Stepsons, said that while this country had a "phobia" about buying Rolls-Royces in the recession, foreign customers were still attracted to the British talent for hand-made cars. He said: "They are still a good investment. A used car costing £10,000 today will be worth £15,000 in three years and they will last when other cars end up in the scrap yards." The used car market is strengthening fast here, perhaps providing a signal that sales of new cars could revive soon.

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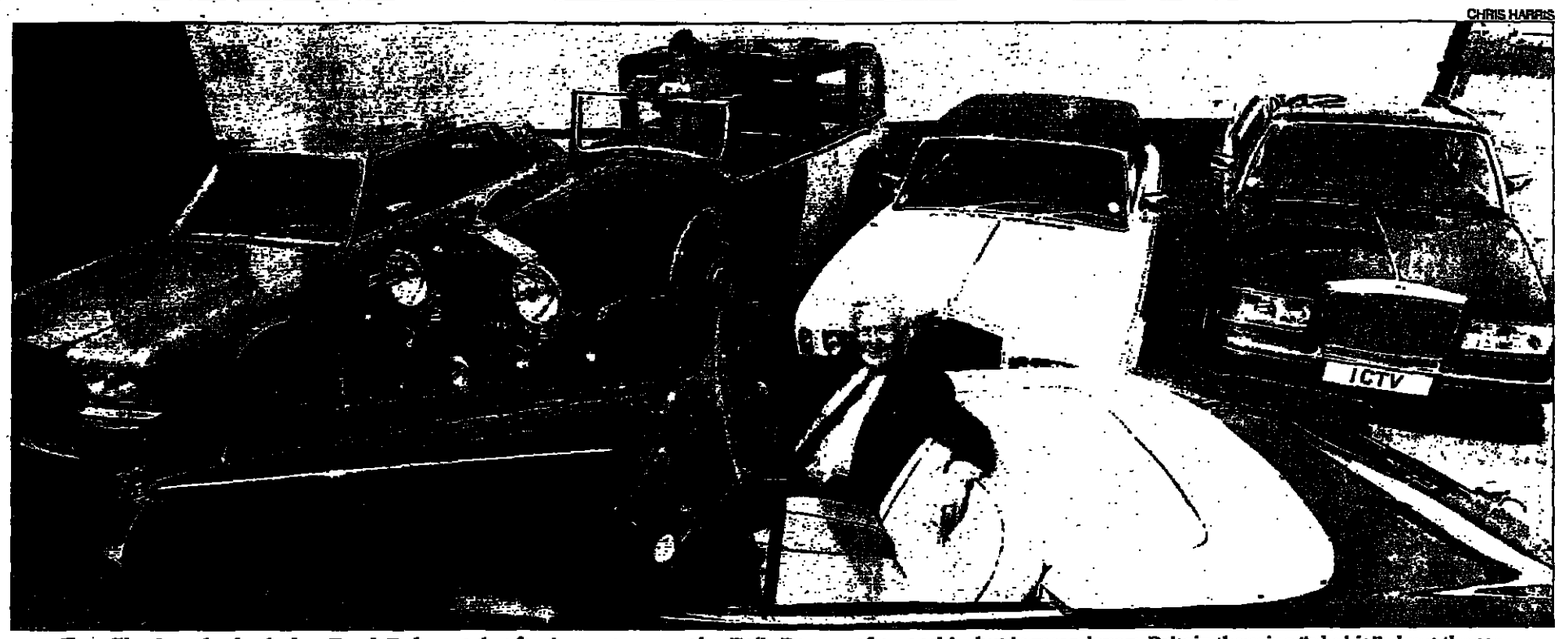

Travelling in style: the dealers Frank Dale says that foreign customers value Rolls-Royce craftsmanship, but in recessionary Britain there is a "phobia" about the car

Market must not sell democracy short

John Major's radical proposals for changing government administration will fail, writes **Vernon Bogdanor**, *because they offend our norms of accountability*

THE central theme of John Major's administration can be summed up in the phrase *the privatisation of choice*. This, the prime minister has insisted, is "the greatest and most far-reaching" privatisation and "the one to which I am most committed".

He seeks to give the consumer the same rights in respect of public services as are already enjoyed by the shopper at Marks and Spencer or Sainsbury's. To achieve this, the government has set in motion the most radical changes in the structure of British administration since the Northcote-Trevelyan report laid the basis of the modern civil service in 1853.

These changes have been described by the minister responsible for the civil service, William Waldegrave, as "a genuine revolution in Whitehall", a revolution involving "the citizen's charter", the contracting out of public services, market testing, and the devolution of functions to new executive agencies outside Whitehall.

The fundamental premise is that public services can be made both more efficient and more accountable if the two functions of policy and service delivery are separated. Policy will remain with ministers, who will continue to be advised by a core civil service: but the delivery of services is to be located outside departments and conducted, so far as possible, according to commercial criteria.

Is the delivery of public services, then — health, social security or education — merely a complex form of commercial activity?

In a democracy, those who deliver a service — the chief executive of an agency, the managers of a trust hospital, or the governors of a grant-maintained school — work under constraints which have no counterpart in the business world. They are subject to Treasury control, statutory obligations to deal with difficult "customers" and they are, in the last resort, responsible to ministers for what they do.

But, above all, chief executives and managers remain under the authority of ministers whose political careers will depend upon the efficiency with which services are delivered.

It is this political element which makes the separation of powers between policy-making and service delivery unworkable under our present constitutional arrangements.

What is policy and how is it to be distinguished from service delivery? If someone is denied a benefit, or his or her child is denied admission to a school of first choice, is that a matter of policy or management?

What may seem a mere matter of administrative detail can have enormous political and electoral repercussions. If, for example, the social security system operates inefficiently, or small rural schools are being closed, the political standing of the government will be affected, and ministers will be pressed to intervene.

As Paul Bolt, a Home Office official, told the Home Affairs Select Committee, there is no "precise dividing line" between policy and service delivery. "It is always possible to envisage a serious and politically embarrassing operational failure in an agency which will create perfectly proper political demands for the home secretary to intervene directly in the running of its affairs," Mr Bolt said.

It was for this reason that a similar attempt to demarcate separate spheres of responsibility in relation to the nationalised industries failed so dismally.

The theory behind the public corporation was that the boards would be responsible for commercial management, while ministers would be responsible for policy. In practice, however, governments intervened on highly detailed matters in accordance with their political imperatives.

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Indeed, William Ashworth's history of the post-war coal industry shows that it was generally the coal board which took a long-term view which ministers continually subverted in the interests of short-term expediency.

Why should it be any easier to devise a separation of powers in the case of the public services? If no clear line can be drawn, then devolution to agencies will serve to blur accountability, not to clarify it.

It will never be clear whether the failure to achieve a target is due to an "operational" factor, the inefficiency of an agency, or to a "policy" factor — the interference of the minister.

What is likely is that ministers will take the credit when targets are achieved, while officials will be given the blame when things go wrong.

The principle of ministerial responsibility holds that ministers take the credit for what goes right and the blame for what goes wrong. The "revolution" in the public services will make it easier for ministers to accept the first part of that principle.

The "revolution in government", then, will fail, because it will be found to offend against our basic norms of accountability and democracy.

The fundamental mistake is the attempt to treat government as a form of business. A consumer can, by shifting his or her custom from Marks and Spencer to Sainsbury's, use market mechanisms to secure his or her needs. A "customer" of the benefits agency or a trust hospital has no such option. The only way in which the citizen can influence social security or health policy is through the political process.

The cumulative effect of the reforms is to create what Professor John Stewart has called "a new magistracy" of unelected and unaccountable managers. Their "customers" will enjoy the right which was also guaranteed under the constitution of the former Soviet Union, the right to complain.

Ministers claim that their "revolution in government" puts into practice the precepts of *Reinventing Government*, by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler, a book difficult to obtain in Britain. It is perhaps for this reason that so few seem to have noticed that its precepts point in a different direction from that taken by the government.

The prescriptions of Osborne and Gaebler are based on the experience of America. It is hardly likely that the same prescriptions will be appropriate for a country with quite the opposite characteristics.

Crucial to the whole Osborne/Gaebler argument is the principle of decentralisation. Responsibility, they declare, "should lie with the lowest level of government possible". They would hardly regard a British funding agency which could become responsible for schools, serving a population of 40 million people, for example, as an exemplification of their principles.

For them, it is local communities, through their elected representatives, not unelected boards and agencies, which should decide upon priorities for the public services.

Sensible reform must begin with a determined attack on central government overload. That means restoring power to local authorities as representatives of their communities, together with devolution to elected regional authorities, which would be responsible for the national health service and other public services unsuitable for local control.

At the level of central government, we badly need to clarify the precise constitutional responsibilities of ministers and civil servants. In particular, civil servants are entitled to far better guidance than they, at present, receive as to what ministers can require them to do, and the circumstances under which they themselves must accept responsibility.

We badly need a proper code delineating not only civil service ethics, but also the proper role of ministers.

The truth is that the government's "reform" of the public services has become a substitute for the democratisation of the British state. While our partners in the European Community have been moving in the direction of devolution and decentralisation, we have been moving in the opposite direction, away from the principles of citizenship and towards a system of government which reduces the ethic of public service to a form of commercialism.

It may be too late to reverse this trend: but, if we do not, we shall find that the government's public service reforms will have undermined the democratic rights of every man and woman in this country.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

The Athenaeum has scored a notable double, winning both the Hamilton Russell Cup (the London Clubs Championship) and the Speed Chess Championship. The redoubtable American professor and bibliophile Arthur Freeman has won every game he has played for the Athenaeum for the past two seasons. Here is one of his most incisive victories.

White: A Freeman (Athenaeum)
Black: R Holder (O & C)
London Club Tournament 1993

English Opening

1	c4	e5
2	Nc3	Nf6
3	g3	d5
4	cxd5	Nbxd5
5	Bg2	Nxc3
6	bxc3	Bc5
7	e3	0-0
8	d4	exd4
9	cxd4	Bb6
10	Ne2	Nc6
11	0-0	Re8
12	Nf4	Bf5
13	Bb2	Be4
14	Qh5	Bxg2
15	Kxg2	Ne7
16	Rad1	Ng6
17	d5	Nxf4+
18	gxf4	Qe7
19	Rg1	Qe4+
20	Kh3	g6
21	Rg5	Qc2
22	Bf6	Bc5
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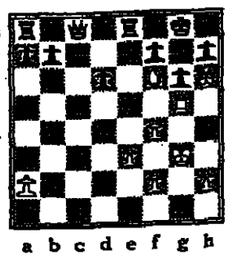
24	Rxd6	cxd6
25	Qh6	Qc8+
26	Kg3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Chess News

Reader Info: Correspondence

Chess by mail became the vogue in 1824 when the clubs of London and Edinburgh contested a five game match. The letters carrying the moves had to traverse a distance of 400 miles by mail coach. The coaches travelled night and day and the mail was delivered within three days. If you want to play chess by correspondence now contact the British Postal Chess Federation at 85 Hillyard Road, Hanwell, London W7 1BJ, for further information.

Chess in Clubland

The final positions in the Hamilton-Russell Cup were as follows:

		points
1	Athenaeum	13
2	RAC	8
3	Hurlingham	8
4	Oxford & Cambridge	8
5	Chelsea Arts	7
6	Brooks	4
7	Travellers	0
8	Savile	0

The Athenaeum team consisting of: Peter Lee, Felix Oyens, Arthur Freeman and John Everson has won the Speed Chess for the third year running.

London Clubs Speed Chess Competition

		points
1	Athenaeum	12
2	Oxford & Cambridge	10
3	RAC I	7
4	Chelsea Arts	6
5	RAC II	5
6	Hurlingham	2
7	Brooks	0

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Ed Victor has auctioned a book by Dominic Lawson about Nigel Short and the forthcoming World Chess Championship with Roland Philipps buying UK and Commonwealth volume rights for Pan MacMillan: Victor retains serial. The book will be published speedily for next December, as it will include Lawson's coverage of the championships, taking place in September and October. It is, says Philipps, a book about the "total warfare" that chess has become - Short's preparation is now not only mental but physical: it includes treatment by Linford Christie's physiotherapist.' - *Book News, First Report*

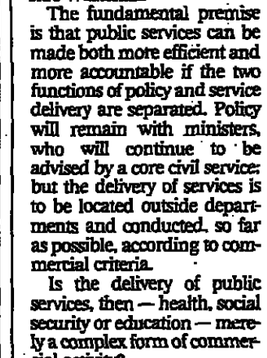
Helpline unravels official mysteries

By James Landale

BRITAIN'S first telephone helpline for the public services has received few complaints in its first three weeks, despite being flooded with calls.

Charterline, which receives up to 250 calls a day, was set up as part of the citizen's charter to make Britain's 1,400 public organisations more responsive to those who use them.

Most calls have been enquiries for information, especially about social security benefits and NHS services. The telephone operators, or "call agents" as they are known, give out names and telephone numbers of people who can answer callers' queries.



Taking calls: Charterline worker Sharon Riddell

Only ten of the 2.1 million residents of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, where the scheme is being piloted for six months, found it necessary to register a complaint about any of the 200 public organisations in those counties.

Most complaints concerned poor street lighting and other [illegible] you get a copy of a birth certificate, how is the level of the council tax bill determined, how can you get meals on wheels? Other calls are less simple: who can get rid of foxes from the bottom of the garden or starlings from the roof? One man rang to ask how he could become a monk.

Organisers emphasised that Charterline was not a directory enquiries service. "You could argue that it is just a Yellow Pages for the public services, but it is actually trying to show the public face of the public services," said Mike Coleman, manager of the IBM National Call Centre in Havant, Hampshire, where the helpline is run.

Diana Goldsworthy, deputy director of the citizen's charter unit, said: "We do not say it is going to solve your problems, but it will put you in touch with the people who might help. It is the first tangible part of the citizen's charter and therefore it is important that we get it right."

The unit is carrying out a softly-softly advertising campaign for Charterline after mishandling so much publicity at the initial launch of the charter. There was no national launch: the first advertising was a series of leaflets in local free newspapers and this week the unit will start running advertisements on local radio.

Mrs Goldsworthy said: "We have been keen not to have too high expectations for this. We do not want people ringing up to get all their problems solved and then being disappointed."

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What shoppers see on the shelves is not always all that they get, a Times investigation discovers

Supermarkets sell slurry burgers and fishy fingers

BY TONY DAWE

■ Makers of processed meat and fish are failing to declare ingredients they say are safe. Consumer groups want to know why

SLURRY is being added to sausages, burgers and processed meats which are sold under labels that fail to declare the substance as an ingredient, an investigation by *The Times* has discovered.

Consumers are also being misled by some manufacturers of fish products. Scraps of fish are being removed from the bone with high pressure water jets, bound in breadcrumbs and sold as fish fingers and even cod steaks.

In spite of pressure from trading standards officers, the manufacturers and the shops and supermarkets that sell their goods refuse to admit practices that are becoming increasingly common.

Only the Bernard Matthews group, famous for its "*bootiful* turkeys", has agreed to list the slurry, under the words "machine-separated meat", among the ingredients of its turkey sausages. The company's decision follows a fine for misleading the public by omitting to indicate the slurry on sausage labels.

"If there is nothing wrong with the slurry, as the companies which use it keep on telling us, why don't they want to declare it?" David Roberts, Shropshire's chief trading standards officer, asked. "Our argument is that the industry should tell the public exactly what it is doing with these products, why they differ from other meat and fish items, and let people make up their own minds."

The use of mechanically recovered meat, as the slurry is officially known, and fish-frame mince has become one of the central issues in the debate over whether consumers really know what they are eating. Sue Dibb, co-director of the Food Commission, an independent food-monitoring body, said: "They form part of a disturbing trend to produce food which might look good but is debased and has been created by technology."

The difficulty in detecting the products under analysis and the reluctance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to take a stand has allowed their use to increase. Nobody has suggested that the products are unsafe, but consumer organisations insist that consumers be told how food products are made.

The machines used to recover meat rely on either centrifugal force or hydraulic pressure and can ensure that the bones of an animal are picked clean. For example, once the breast and legs have been removed from a chicken, it can be placed in a centrifuge machine, where it will be spun at high speed, separating the remaining meat from the bone. The resulting mush will be used in chicken burgers and nuggets. In the past, the remains would have been used to make chicken soup.

Bones from cattle are placed in a hydraulic machine that presses the remaining meat off in a slurry which is then used in burgers and sausages. In the past, the bones would have gone to a boneyard where they would have been turned into something other than food.

Andrew Garvey, products manager of the Meat and Livestock Commission, said: "If the process is correctly managed, there is no risk attached to it. But if you put too much mechanically recovered meat in a product it destroys the texture. The consumers don't like it and we would not wish to promote any products with the substance in them."

David Joll, managing director of Bernard Matthews, said: "We use the most modern machines based on the hydraulic principle which produce meat of good quality and texture. The bone stays intact and the meat keeps its biological structure but goes into slurry."

In the manufacture of some fish products, high-pressure water jets are used to remove the last scraps from the bone. The resulting mince goes into frozen and instant fish dishes. Mr Roberts said: "You will usually find it in fish products bound with batter or breadcrumbs, for without those substances around it the product would fall to pieces."

The bodies representing fish producers and meat manufacturers insist that the process is acceptable. "Producing mechanically recovered meat is just another way of taking meat off the bone," Philip Mobsby, director of the British Meat Manufacturers Association, said. "It all comes down to price. If you are producing high-quality burgers with 80 per cent meat, then the retailers must be prepared to pay a high price for them. But if you are producing burgers at 30p a time for an industrial canteen then you might want to use mechanically recovered meat."

The association has laid down strict standards for the preparation of mechanically recovered meat and have discussed ways of labelling it with the trading standards officers' association. But no agreement has been reached and the agriculture ministry appears to be waiting for action by the European Commission.

Mr Mobsby said: "If labelling of mechanically recovered meat is not taken up by the EC, I can assure you we are not going to take it up in the UK. If any other companies are taken to court over the issue, the case might be thrown out as the subject is not covered by EC regulations."

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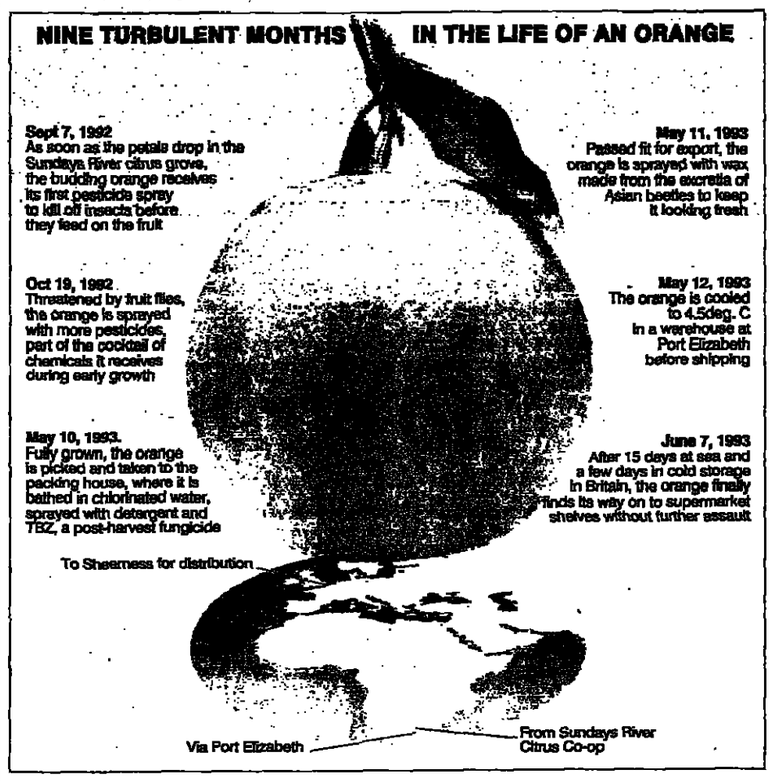
TIM BISHOP

Banger and mush: slurry is used to make sausages



Consumer groups worried by chemicals sprayed on fruit

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MILLION oranges will go on display in Britain today as supermarkets, grocers and stallholders restock for the coming week.

As shoppers admire the oranges' fresh and shiny appearance, few will realise that the fruit has been bombarded with chemicals, waxed with beetle dung or sperm oil, and cooled. Consumer and environmental groups are becoming alarmed at the use of unnatural processes on supposedly fresh fruit, but growers and retailers say the processes are safe, and essential if the fruit offered is to look good and be of good quality.

Most growers regularly treat fruit with a variety of chemicals. Outspan International, the leading supplier of South African citrus fruit, starts treatment as soon as the petals have dropped, to kill thrips, tiny insects that normally feed on the flowers but will attack the fruit once the flowers have gone.

Alistair Smith, of Fresh Fruit Services, which represents Outspan in Britain, said the spraying of fruit in the early weeks of growth was rigorously controlled. The company monitors the presence of insects such as fruit flies and boil worm, so that pesticides are used only when essential.

Many scientists believe the same standards are not applied in all Mediterranean countries; in some, spraying is almost continuous.

Once picked, the fruit is bathed in chlorinated water, to remove fungal spores, washed with detergent, to remove dirt, and then sprayed with a post-harvest fungicide, to reduce the risk of rotting. Finally, it is coated with wax, to make it shiny: the most commonly-used wax is shellac, made from the excreta of the Asian lac beetle.

Beeswax and sperm oil from whales are also permitted, but many overseas fruit producers use polyethylene, a spray banned here but accepted in some other European countries. "We object to the use of many of these sprays and waxes because a lot of people eat the skins of citrus fruit and use them in drinks and cooking," said John Dalby, of SAOMCo, a Soil Association subsidiary. "Fruit which has been treated should be labelled to make people aware of what they are eating."

Trading watchdogs take shops to court

BY TONY DAWE

SOME leading stores and food producers face court appearances on criminal charges under the food safety and trade descriptions laws, all of which they will deny.

The North Yorkshire Co-operative Society faces six charges concerned with the amount and nature of fat attached to topside and silverside joints of beef, and its representatives will be in court in Harrogate on Friday for a pre-trial review.

One charge, brought by the county's trading standards officers, alleges that the store sold silverside beef that contained 30 per cent fat. 12 per cent of which had been added from another part of the animal.

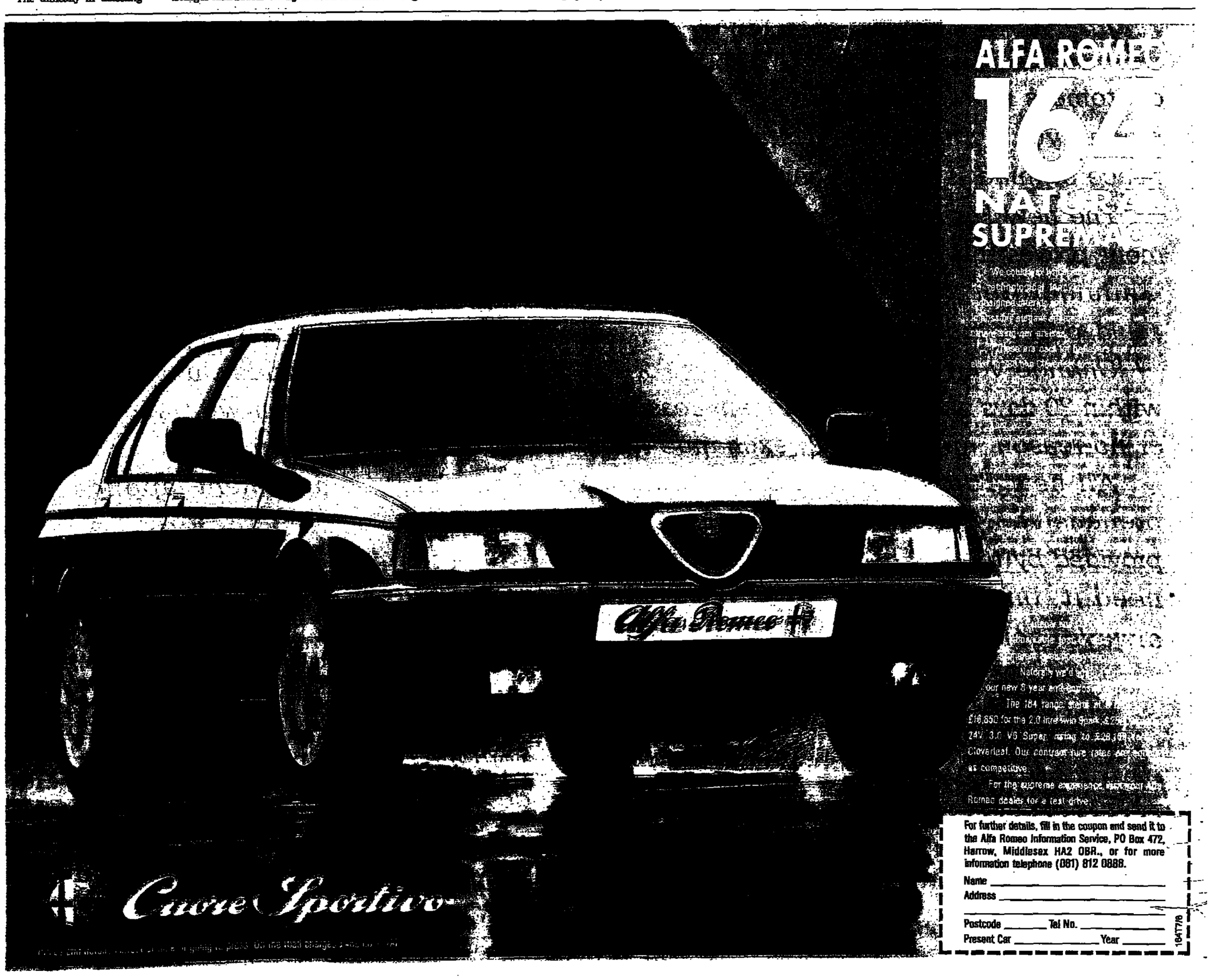
Another charge alleges that a beef topside joint contained 26.5 per cent fat, of which 19.75 had been added.

Stuart Pudney, North Yorkshire's deputy trading standards officer, said: "We do not object to the process as some people want extra fat to keep a joint moist during cooking, but we do believe that retailers should identify extra fat when they add it."

The Gateway chain, already facing charges in Gloucestershire relating to the ingredients of pasta, is expected to be served with summonses this week about the sale of beef joints with added fat. In Leeds, Holland and Barrett, the health food chain, will face charges relating to the sale of dried peaches.

Birds Eye Walls is going to the High Court over its "succulent and tender chopped chicken breasts" and "pure ground beef Prizeburgers".

Trading standards officers in Shropshire found that the products contained re-formed meat and soya and the company was convicted of seven offences by Telford magistrates. Some of the charges were dismissed on appeal, but all seven are to be reconsidered by the High Court.



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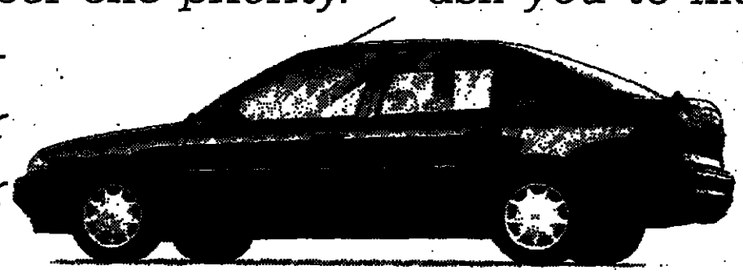

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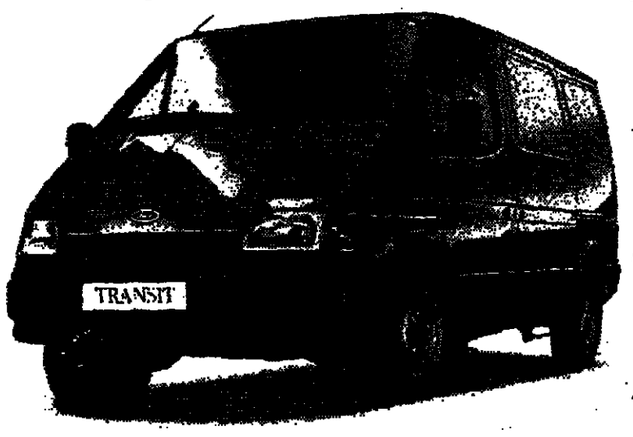

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Law of the gun thwarts dreams of Somali civil rule

Aidid: losing prestige among clan members

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THE weekend battle in Mogadishu between a Somali warlord's militiamen and a United Nations peacekeeping unit in which up to 22 Pakistanis were killed was a "shoot-out waiting to happen", an aid worker in the capital said yesterday.

To those with experience in the near-insane anarchy of Somalia it was inevitable that one of the warrior factions would take on UN soldiers, because the originally American-led intervention force has left the *morayaan* (bandits) the weapons to do so.

What is less clear is whether the UN Security Council, which was hurriedly assembled for a secret meeting on Somalia last night, has the stomach to take on the warlords and disarm them, by force if necessary.

■ Nobody has made Mogadishu's clan leaders disarm. Now their guns have been turned on the UN, undermining its first armed intervention on humanitarian grounds

Warlords, by definition, thrive only in conflict. General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, whose men were behind the attack on the blue berets, has been losing prestige and influence among his fellow Habre Gedir clan members since Operation Restore Hope was launched last December.

Before foreign intervention in Somalia, General Aidid and his fellow warlords — Colonel Muhammad Omar Jess, General Siad Hirsi Morgan, and Ali Mahdi Muhammad — derived most of their power, and income, from their ability to extort money from aid agencies in return for "protection", and from looting food aid intended for civilian Somalis.

Originally Operation Restore Hope, the precursor of the UN Mission in Somalia II (Unosom II), was intended to put an end to the protection rackets and to make sure that food sent to Somalia made it into the mouths of the starving, after 350,000 had died of hunger. The mission succeeded. Somalia is now an exporter of goats to Saudi Arabia and rice in Mogadishu, at 5p a pound, is the cheapest in the world.

However, the American commanders and the first Washington envoy to Somalia, Robert Oakley, failed to tackle the warlords and to disarm the country. That task fell to Unosom II when the UN took over command of the 25,000 peacekeepers at the beginning of last month. Yet the new head of Unosom, Jonathan Howe, a retired American admiral, has been coy about how the UN proposes to rebuild Somalia.

His officials are anxious to emphasise the efforts they have made to train a national police force and restart the Somali judicial system, while privately admitting that they have little hope of success while the country is still under the gun.

The weekend battles in Mogadishu have exposed the fallacy of relying too much on the hope that the warlords would join civilian politicians in rebuilding the country while their power derives not from political consensus but from the barrel of an AK47 and an M16.

Many committees of Somalis have been set up by Unosom to draft a new constitution for the country and oversee the reconstruction of civil society. It has, however, been impossible to identify a single male, or female, delegate whose first loyalties are not to their clans. Still less so one who does not live in fear of the warlords, the clan leaders, and is prepared to speak out against them.

Pakistan and Italy, which have large contingents of soldiers in Somalia, have called for tough action against those responsible for the deaths of the Pakistani soldiers on Saturday. "The foreign troops should have arrested the warlords and started disarmament from the very beginning. Their failure to do so has meant that decent Somalis are not prepared to take a public part in the reconstruction of their country," an aid worker in Mogadishu said.

Somalia, the UN's first military intervention on humanitarian grounds, represents a test case for the effectiveness of the organisation. It has already been accused by UN personnel of neglecting Angola, where 1,000 people are dying each day as a result of the civil war there.

"If the security council does not mandate Unosom actively to pursue disarmament we might as well wash our hands of Somalia, intervention of this kind, and the UN as a useful body altogether," a senior Unosom official in Mogadishu said.

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Israel delighted by capture of Hamas death squad suspects

BY BEN LYNFIELD
IN JERUSALEM
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ As the Rabin government continues its crackdown on Islamic activists, Arabs and Israelis look likely to return to the peace talks, and are optimistic about progress

ISRAELI officials claimed a victory yesterday in their battle to crush the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, while Arab foreign ministers meeting in Amman tried to forge a common position towards a new round of peace talks with the Jewish state.

Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, lauded security forces for scoring an "extraordinary success" against Hamas by capturing a four-member cell from east Jerusalem. The group are suspected of targeting police officers and killing at least three since December, including Nissim Toledano, a border policeman.

The arrests, made at the end of last week, came in addition to the capture of 120 activists of the Izeddin Qassam military wing of Hamas in the occupied West Bank, in a crackdown during the last two months, a senior official of the Shin Bet security services said.

In Amman, Abdul Salam al-Majali, the Jordanian foreign minister, predicted that the peace talks in Washington, expected to resume around June 15, would make greater headway this time than in previous rounds.

"There will be progress between now and the end of the year because we feel the [American and Russian] co-sponsors are showing real seriousness about becoming partners. Again, we also see a change in the Israeli attitude towards the peace process, a change in the offers from the other side," said Mr al-Majali.

But Palestinian officials were less upbeat, saying they wanted written assurances from Washington that Israel would exchange land for peace and agree to wide-ranging self-rule arrangements for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "We want written US replies that reassure Palestinians that the Americans are still committed to the terms of reference for the negotiations and to applying UN resolutions 242 and 338," said Suleiman Najab, an executive committee member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The two resolutions call for a trade of land for peace.

Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, is due in Amman today, following the meeting of foreign ministers. Palestinians have previously said they would only accept autonomy for the Gaza Strip if Israel were to decide to withdraw unilaterally and does not link the move to any agreement for the rest of the occupied territories.

Eli Rubinstein, the head Israeli negotiator with the Palestinians, left last night for Washington for preparatory talks with American officials, according to aides to Mr Rabin. The Israelis yesterday accepted an official invitation to participate in the tenth round of peace talks.

Mr Rabin hinted last month that Gaza could serve as a test case for Palestinian autonomy. "We believe that the Americans want to hear more about it and we also believe that the Palestinians, despite their statements, will also want to hear more on it," said Gad Ben-Ari, Mr Rabin's spokesman.

Toledano's abduction near Tel Aviv and subsequent killing triggered the December expulsion to Lebanon of 415 suspected Muslim militants, amid growing public unease and a barrage of criticism by right-wingers that Mr Rabin was unable to quell Arab attacks.

A Shin Bet official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the four-member cell had acted independently in killing Toledano. It had taken advantage of Israeli identity cards and license plates accorded to residents of east Jerusalem, which Israel annexed in 1967. Only later did it receive financial support from the Izzedin al-Qassam military wing, he said.

His account is at variance with statements by officials at the time of the expulsions, that Toledano's killers were part of the Hamas hierarchy.

Court tries Kurd for Britons' deaths

FROM ANDREW FINKEL
IN ISTANBUL

STUART CLARKE

In the dock: Hashim Ciftci, the Kurdish guide who confessed to the murder of two BBC crew members

A LINGERING tragic mystery of the Gulf war comes under the spotlight this week with the trial in Arbil, capital of the Kurdish enclave in northern Iraq, of Hasim Ciftci, who is charged with the murder of Nick della Casa and Charles Maxwell, his brother-in-law. Della Casa was working as a cameraman for BBC television during the war, with Maxwell acting as a film courier. Mr Ciftci, a Kurd of Turkish origin, acted as the party's guide over the border into Iraq. The three men were accompanied by Rosanna, della Casa's wife.

The prosecution will argue that Mr Ciftci, by his own confession, killed della Casa and Maxwell with a semi-automatic rifle. He denies, however, that he killed Rosanna della Casa, who has never been seen again. A boot and a hair slide belonging to her were found seven miles away.

Her diary pointed to a deteriorating relationship with the man who led them through the treacherous mountains near Yuksekova. Some Kurds believe she was also killed during a quarrel over money.

By the time allied forces occupied the Kurdish safe haven in northern Iraq in the spring of 1991, the fate of the three Britons had become a cause célèbre. Della Casa was a former soldier who had been held captive in Mozambique. The BBC, for whom the three were acting on assignment, mounted an extensive search, assisted by the British embassy and Turkish army intelligence.

Mr Ciftci was apprehended with the help of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq, and he helped in the recovery of the badly destroyed remains of the two men. Det Supt Micky Lawrence of Scotand Yard, who also assisted in the investigation, is in Arbil to attend the trial with members of the della Cassa family.

In a further sinister echo of the Gulf war, a state security court in Kuwait yesterday passed death sentences on Iraq's puppet prime minister in occupied Kuwait and five Iraqis convicted of aiding the invaders. Court officials said that Alaa Hussein Khafaaji, a Kuwaiti colonel who was named prime minister, commander-in-chief and acting minister of defence and interior, was sentenced on Saturday in his absence. He is believed to be living in Iraq.

The court dropped charges against nine other members of the puppet government. Kuna, the official Kuwait news agency, said the state security court found the five Iraqi men guilty of attempting to recruit Kuwaitis to join Iraq's ruling Baath party after President Saddam Hussein's invasion of the emirate in August 1990.

They were also found guilty of trying to weaken Kuwaiti resistance to the occupation, which was brought to a close by multinational forces in February 1991. The agency named the five men as Jassim Sabhan, 37, Abdel-Khalaf Nagi, 40, Abdel-Wahid Abdel-Shah, 32, Amgid Ibrahim, 28, and Abdel-Salam Abdel-Karim, 63, who worked for a shipping company in Kuwait before the Iraqi invasion.

The first four defendants were also found guilty of joining Iraq's popular army during the occupation and all five were fined £4,380 each. Abdel-Karim was also given a nominal fine of £19.7 million for leading Iraqi forces to the stores of the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company which were looted. Martial law courts sentenced 29 alleged collaborators before they were replaced by state security courts in June 1991. The sentences were later commuted to life imprisonment.

Reports from Kuwait say that the authorities hanged Abdel-Hassan Khafi, an Iraqi smuggler, last month for killing a border guard. The execution is believed to be the first in Kuwait since the end of the war.

☐ Diyarbakir, Turkey: Turkish troops killed six Kurdish guerrillas in two separate clashes in the southeast, the regional governor's office here said yesterday.

On the same day, Kurdish guerrillas killed one soldier and wounded another in an attack on troops patrolling the border with Iran, the Anatolia news agency said. *(AP)*

Murdered and missing: Nick della Casa and his wife, Rosanna, whose left walking boot and a hair slide were found seven miles from the bodies of her husband and brother. Hashim Ciftci has denied killing her

Army life triggers games of death

FROM BARRY PARKER
IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI soldiers have invented a version of Russian roulette which is proving just as lethal as the traditional life-and-death game.

Three soldiers have died in the past two weeks playing "Yitzhik" roulette, named after the inventor, a young conscript who was himself badly injured by the game. The craze, in which a soldier puts a rifle to his head and pulls the trigger while releasing the magazine before a bullet enters the chamber, has reportedly swept the ranks.

Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, told the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee last week that the injuries were appalling. "The fact that the soldiers know who takes part in these games with firearms yet never report it to their officers beggars belief. It turned out that the last soldier who lost his life in a game with firearms had taken part in similar games several times. He had aimed his gun at friends and pulled the trigger."

That soldier, Elias Eleimeh, a Christian Arab volunteer from Nazareth, 21, was buried last Monday amid emotional outpourings and some anger at the army's failure to halt such practices. Israeli soldiers also reportedly play classic Russian roulette, but it is not as popular.

Ori Orr, the defence committee chairman, suggested that pressure of military life caused the tragedies. "There is a connection between the Russian roulette phenomenon, the operational pressures on the soldiers, and the accidents in training and operations."

Another speciality of the Israeli army is "net roulette", in which several recruits are hoisted high by a crane in a net used to brake landing aircraft. Failure to hang on has proved fatal. In the last of a series of lethal accidents, four paratroopers were killed and three others wounded in a friendly-fire battle in Lebanon on May 24. That provoked a rally near Haifa by dozens of grieving relatives, demanding changes in army training and operations. Parents called for a public watchdog to be set up to oversee safety in the army. *(AFP)*

Hezbollah strikes back in Lebanon

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN TYRE

WHEN Israeli troops peer through their binoculars into the wadis and hilltop villages east of this Lebanese port city, they rarely notice the picturesque rural vista provided by an area they know only as the "triangle of hate".

Nearly a decade after Israel began withdrawing its forces from Lebanon and established what it hoped would become a peaceful buffer, known as the "security zone", along its northern border, the country is discovering to its dismay that it is again being sucked into the Lebanese quagmire and paying a heavy price.

Lebanese, Israeli and United Nations sources say well-equipped and motivated Muslim fighters have dramatically increased the size and scope of their military operations this year against Israeli forces and their Lebanese surrogates, the South Lebanon Army. Since January, 145 attacks have been launched by guerrillas, mostly by members of the Iranian-trained and supplied Islamic Resistance, the military wing of the militant Hezbollah (the party of God).

Hassan Hubolah, a member of Hezbollah's politburo and the group's leader in southern Lebanon, said his movement knew that Israel withdraws from Arab territory only when forced to.

Military experts believe Hezbollah is better trained and equipped than ever, and point to the recent spate of coordinated infantry attacks that have replaced hit-and-run guerrilla techniques by small groups of lightly armed gunmen. Even Israel's tactical advantage of air power and heavy armour has been reduced by Hezbollah's acquisition of Soviet-made Sagger anti-tank missiles and Sam 7 anti-aircraft missiles.

Army-ANC peace force proposed

BY RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A JOINT South African armed force comprising units of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress, the army, the police, and black homeland security forces could be formed to keep the peace during the country's first all-race general election next year, tentatively set for April 27.

Its establishment is among recommendations made by a committee on violence at the multiparty constitutional negotiations, and is understood to have been well received by the government and the ANC. The force would include members of the KwaZulu police, which could help to reduce tensions between the ANC and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, as well as members of the Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and Transkei armies.

The committee's election peace corps proposal is seen by some negotiators as a step towards a new form of national service. At present, conscription applies only to white youths, and the committee said there was "an urgent need to constructively channel the energies and anger of the youth". It implied that the KwaZulu police should form the basis for a future Natal-KwaZulu regional force, and that Umkhonto we Sizwe should not be disbanded before it is integrated into the South African Defence Force.

Multiparty supervision of all statutory and non-statutory armed forces in the election run-up has been recommended — so far the ANC has demanded joint control — and after the election, the committee wants the newly elected interim government to decide the future of the peace corps. During the election campaign, it is envisaged the force would come under the control of either an independent electoral commission or the transitional executive council, which is expected to be formed within the next two months. It would operate in the same way as the United Nations force did in the Namibian elections but would be staffed and commanded by South Africans.

The committee has also called for a strengthening of the national peace accord signed by the main negotiators nearly two years ago. Yesterday, Nelson Mandela, the president of the ANC, who was in Pietermaritzburg at the unveiling of a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, called for a meeting of the signatories to reaffirm their commitment.

A larger-than-life bronze statue was unveiled by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel peace prize-winner, in front of the building where bureaucrats humiliated the Indian independence leader a century ago and inspired his philosophy of passive resistance. On June 7, 1893, Gandhi was thrown off a segregated train in the capital of Natal. "With this one unveils the first statue of hope in our country," Mr Mandela said.

Police said yesterday that 15 members of the Pan Africanist Congress are to appear in court on charges of murder and the possession of explosives and firearms following the arrest of 81 officials and members of its armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, during a nationwide crackdown that began on May 25. Police Colonel Johan Mostert said five of those arrested were still being held, including four people arrested in connection with an alleged plan to bomb a Johannesburg restaurant frequented by people of all races.

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Chinese rumour mill grinds up Li Peng's fading reputation

Li: may well be suffering a "political disease"

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

Street gossip, a credible information source in a society of official lies, suggests that yet another Peking leader is destined for the ideological dustbin of history

EVERY Chinese knows that the official press lies routinely, but it took the editor of the party's *People's Daily* to admit this in 1976: "Lies in newspapers are like rat droppings in clear soup: they are both disgusting and obvious." His comments did, however, come once Mao Tsetung was dead, the Gang of Four was behind bars, and the Cultural Revolution a terrifying memory.

Since then, the *People's Daily* has told many lies, together with the rest of the official press, and many Chinese rely for information, and amusement on *xiaodao xiaoxi*, back-alley news, or the rumour mill. This is prevalent in Chinese cities, with its mixture of official who's in, who's out in Peking, whose child has what plum job, which leader is related to which other leader by marriage, which leader sleeps with whom, and which leader's son or daughter is not necessarily the child of that leader.

One of the striking things about *xiaodao xiaoxi* is that as soon as a leader dies or falls, no rumour, no matter how salacious or astounding, is too lurid to encourage semi-officially. Nor is anyone too grand to escape its grip.

Mao was reported, among other things, to be a long-time opium addict and a consumer of increasingly young women, who spent many of his last years in bed. Similar stories were issued about his wife, Jiang Qing, once she was safely behind bars in 1976, and about the rest of the Gang.

Now *xiaodao xiaoxi* is gathering speed concerning Li Peng, the prime minister. Mr Li is only 65, "youthful" for a Chinese leader, but since April 24, when he first complained he had a cough, Mr Li has disappeared. He is now rumoured to have a cold, influenza, heart disease, and liver cancer, and may well be on the political skids as well. Little racy stories are gathering about the romantic diversions of his wife, Zhu Lin, at China's nuclear generating plant at Daya Bay, over the border from Hong Kong.

If Mr Li falls from power, which may not happen until next spring — "Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, does these things less suddenly than Mao — we can expect to hear a good deal about Mr Li's personal life.

This will be eagerly received: even before May 24, 1989, when it was Mr Li's voice booming out of the darkness in Tiananmen Square proclaiming martial law, he was China's most disliked leader.

That is quite an achievement. Mr Li has one qualification which should have endeared him to everyone: the son of a revolutionary martyr, Mr Li was the adopted child of Chou Enlai, the former prime minister, and his wife, Teng Yingchao, China's most saintly childless couple. But his chilly, aloof, self-satisfied manner managed to negate even this priceless advantage.

By being willing to carry out obnoxious policies, Mr Li won the favour of Mr Deng, who was also a protégé of Chou, and progressed rapidly to the highest offices, including party general secretary.

In the past months, however, it has been rumoured that even Mr Li's family ties and political pliability have not been sufficient to sustain his powerful supporters, and his illness may be what the Hong Kong magazine *Cheng Ming* last week called "a political disease".

Because Mr Li has not yet actually fallen, official spokesmen scold foreign reporters who dare ask about the prime minister's health. In China, one does not speculate about these things, they are informed. Meantime, the rumour mill grinds on.

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

Texas Senate defeat dampens Clinton's college party spirits

FROM IAN BRODIE AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton turned the clock back 25 years for the graduation dinner-dance his college class never had, but present-day realities intruded on the nostalgia, with a landslide repudiation of his policies in the Texas Senate by-election and another opinion poll showing his approval rating at a historic low.

The president played host to 600 members of the Georgetown University class who graduated with him in 1968 but whose end-of-term party was cancelled after the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. The star performer was Chuck Berry, a rock icon of the Sixties who had been scheduled to appear at the original party. Other bands on the bill that were to have played at the 1968 event included the Drifters and the Spinners.

While Mr Clinton was chatting over old times, Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican newcomer to national politics, was celebrating an overwhelming victory in the Texas Senate race to become the state's first woman member of the chamber. By 67 to 33 per cent, in a turnout of only 20 per cent, she defeated Bob Krueger, the Democratic incumbent who took over from Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary.

Her arrival on Capitol Hill increases the Senate's Republican ranks to 44, leaving Mr Clinton with only 56 Democrats, some of whom are ready to defect unless he amends his deficit-cutting programme. Mrs Hutchison, the Texas state treasurer, ran against Mr Clinton rather more than she did against Mr Krueger. She claimed that her triumph was a "death knell" for the president's proposed $71 billion (£46 billion) energy tax, which is regarded as a curse in the oil fields of Texas. Mrs Hutchison promised she would push to be sworn in quickly so that she could vote against tax increases in Mr Clinton's economic plan.

The president's latest lurch to the centre and his belated renunciation of Lani Guinier, the "quota queen", as his chief civil-rights attorney were not in time to reverse the trend in Texas, which now has two Republican senators for the first time since 1875. The Guinier fiasco will require assiduous soothing of civil rights leaders and women's groups this week by Mr Clinton. He has promised to meet the 38 members of the black caucus in the House of Representatives, who have been threatening to withdraw their support.

Having lost the Texas Senate race, the Democrats are in danger of losing the Los Angeles mayor's office tomorrow for the first time in 36 years. Polls show Richard Riordan, the Republican candidate, and Michael Woo, for the Democrats, neck and neck in their battle to succeed Tom Bradley, who is retiring after 20 years at the head of America's second-largest city.

Mr Woo desperately needs a big turnout of minorities to counter Mr Riordan's solid support among more affluent whites. The candidates offer two starkly different prescriptions for rescuing Los Angeles, which has been hit by riots and recession. Mr Riordan, 62, is a multi-millionaire lawyer and venture capitalist who calls the city a "war zone". He emphasises law and order and public-private partnerships, and would lease Los Angeles airport to the private sector to pay for thousands more police officers on the streets. "Tough enough to turn LA around," is his campaign slogan.

Mr Woo, 41, the grandson of Chinese immigrants, is a long-serving city councillor who sees himself as a conciliator and heir to Mr Bradley's multicultural coalition. He was the first councillor to demand Daryl Gates' resignation as LA police chief following the Rodney King beating. He has been endorsed by Mr Clinton and would be the first Asian mayor of a major American city.

Yesterday's poll by *The New York Times* and CBS News showed Americans continue to be more critical of Mr Clinton than of any president since the second world war at this point in their term of office. His approval rating stands at 38 per cent, with 47 per cent disapproving. Many more people view him as a liberal than ten months ago, 49 per cent compared with 38 per cent, but 69 per cent believe he is learning from his problems.

Embracing victory: Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, receiving applause in Dallas after being elected the first woman senator for Texas

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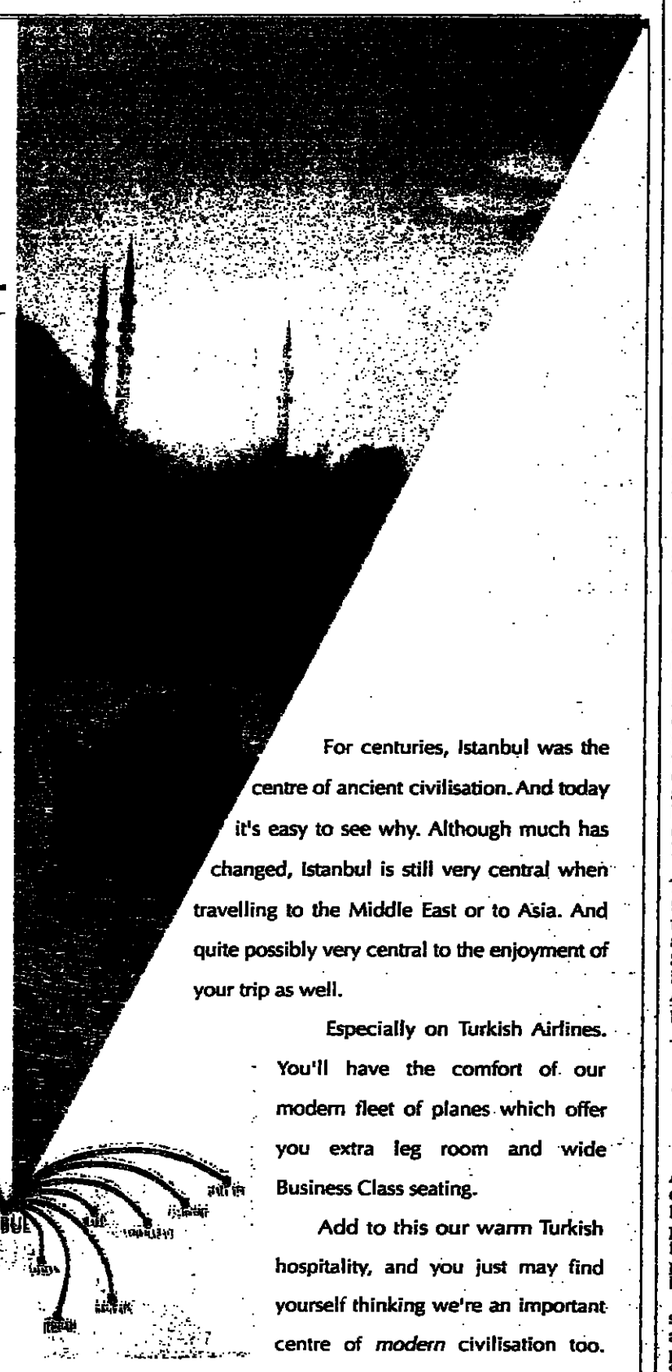

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NEW HORIZONS IN COMFORT

Six illegal immigrants die as freighter runs aground

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SIX Asian immigrants died and 18 were seriously injured when they attempted to swim to shore from their freighter, which ran aground on a sandbar just outside New York city early yesterday.

A coastguard described the dawn scene as frantic as hundreds of rescuers and police looked for other survivors using boats, rubber dinghies and helicopters. Police at Rockaway Penninsular Beach, in the borough of Queens, said that more than 100 illegal immigrants had made the 300-yard swim to shore through icy water and 6ft waves. Two suffered fatal heart attacks.

The freighter, *Golden Venture*, was reported to have left Fukien province in China 112 days ago. However, the captain and crew, who have been arrested, are Indonesian, according to Raymond Kelly, the New York police commissioner. Police said that most of the 252 immigrants so far accounted for are Chinese, but a few are reported to come from Thailand and Malaysia.

David Dinkins, the New York mayor, cited reports that those aboard had been on the freighter for several months, and that they had paid up to $35,000 (£22,000) each for being the trip to America. According to observers, the passengers jumped ship and tried to swim for shore almost as soon as the ship ran aground. "They were all jumping off, climbing down the ladders, trying to swim," Michael Penna, a fireman, said. "But the current kept pulling them towards the jetties."

About 100 more people remained on board the 150ft freighter. Police speculated that the grounding was probably intentional, to allow the immigrants to get to shore and disappear quickly in the teeming borough of Queens, which has a large Chinese population.

Some of the immigrants may have escaped capture, and there were reports last night of "people knocking on doors in Queens, dripping wet, asking to use the telephone".

In recent months the Immigration and Naturalisation Service has reported a wave of Chinese immigrants attempting to slip into the country, mostly by sea, and the authorities say 1,800 illegal Chinese immigrants have been intercepted this year. The human-smuggling racket is believed to be co-ordinated by Chinese criminal gangs. Most immigrants apparently pay only a nominal sum to the smugglers, and agree to work for the gangs to pay off the debt after they arrive. Once in the country, police say the immigrants are quickly absorbed into the large, closely-knit Chinese communities in many American cities.

The California coastguard is still searching for a ship that is believed to have loaded nearly 300 Chinese immigrants onto two rickety fishing boats, which were then intercepted as they tried to disembark at harbours south of San Francisco. "Clearly there exists an organised structure," Rick Smith, FBI spokesman in San Francisco, said. He added that the bureau was still uncertain whether the smuggling operation was based in America or Asia.

Dinkins: cites £22,000 cost of illegal passage

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Guatemala picks rights chief

FROM REUTER IN GUATEMALA CITY

A SENIOR human rights official took over as Guatemala's president yesterday and pledged to rebuild democracy, five days after the army deposed President Serrano in a bloodless palace coup.

Ramiro de León, who was sworn into office a few hours after the congress elected him president to replace Señor Serrano, pleaded for national unity but faced a delicate relationship with Guatemala's powerful armed forces.

Señor de León took office after 12 days' turmoil, prompted by Señor Serrano's seizure on May 25 of near-dictatorial powers when he claimed that he was fighting corruption and the drug trade. The army overthrew him a week later. General José García Samayoa, the defence minister, at first backed Señor Serrano's "self-coup" but then withdrew his support as pressure mounted at home and abroad. America, Spain and other countries cut off aid.

"I am calling at this historic moment for national unity, without revenge or vengeance," Señor de León said in his inaugural speech. He praised the army's intervention to force Señor Serrano from power with the support of an extraordinary coalition of business, trade union and political groups.

Señor de León has been the congress-appointed ombudsman for three years, a post in which he became one of the country's most prominent defenders of human rights. He often accused the army of committing atrocities against civilians in its 30-year war on left-wing guerrillas.

While political leaders hope that Señor de León's election will bring order to the turbulent Central American nation, the big question surrounding his presidency will be his standing with the military. He did not mention the army in his 20-minute inaugural speech but emphasised his "lifelong commitment to democracy and full respect of human rights".

Señor de León will serve until January 14, 1996, when Señor Serrano's five-year term was to end.

Sihanouk astrologers put brake on unity

Phnom Penh: Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian leader, said he had accepted the advice of royal astrologers and would not try to form a new government of national reconciliation until his birthday in October (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The move came as Gareth Evans, the Australian foreign minister and an architect of the Cambodian peace plan, said in Canberra that a coalition administration of the country's two main parties was still possible, despite the collapse of a unified government after only a day in power last Friday. The royalist party of Prince Norodom Ranariddh won most seats in the election, but needs the support of the People's party of Hun Sen, which ran the previous regime, to draw up a new constitution.

Taking control

Caracas: Ramón José Velásquez, 76, a veteran senator, became Venezuela's interim president, replacing President Pérez, who has been suspended and charged with corruption in a nation gripped by political, economic and social turmoil.

Bolivia decides

La Paz: Bolivians went to the polls in presidential and national congress elections, with General Hugo Banzer, the former military dictator, and Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, a millionaire tin-mine owner, running neck and neck.

Koresh buried

Tyler, Texas: David Koresh, the leader of the Branch Davidian cult besieged in Waco, was buried on May 27 in an unmarked grave in the Memorial Park Cemetery, 120 miles northwest of Waco, a relative said. Only four relations were there. *(Reuter)*

Rodent clue

New York: Scientists believe the "Indian plague", a mystery illness which has already killed 11 people in and around the Navajo Indian reservation in four southwestern states, may be caused by a virus carried by rodents.

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Protesters jeer aloof Kohl over race deaths

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ **Bonn's possible offer of dual nationality to Turks has failed to damp down anti-Nazi riots. Radical Turks caught up in clashes seem to have their own political agenda**

YELLING "murderer" and flinging eggs, demonstrators in Berlin jostled and jeered Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday as he attended the reconsecration of the country's imperial cathedral.

Arson attacks on two further Turkish homes and a weekend of street violence showed Herr Kohl's government that it will not be able to shrug off the crisis easily. Police said last night 36 people were arrested and 355 placed in temporary custody after anti-Nazi demonstrations that led to riots.

There is now a clear sense in Bonn that the Turkish-German intercommunal violence, which reached a high point with the death of five Turkish women and girls in Solingen eight days ago, will not simply blow over. The Kohl administration had hoped that the promise of a round-table discussion, which might end up recommending dual citizenship for Turks, and a dignified funeral service would calm the atmosphere.

Saturday night's attack in Hattingen, only 20 miles from Solingen, has put paid to this idea. Only the light sleep of a three-year-old, who promptly woke up her mother when she smelt smoke, saved the lives of the Turkish family. A second fire bombing destroyed a Turkish café at Konstanz.

It is notable that in the past week of violence, the targets have not been refugees or asylum-seekers, but long-term foreign residents. This and other often conflicting evidence has raised the question of whether the violence is being centrally steered by right-wing parties or whether the neo-Nazis are merely capitalising on spontaneous incidents around the country.

The idea that Solingen and other flashpoints are random, the result of frustrated youths, is still favoured by the government. The investigators of the Solingen arson, for example, believe that the four arrested youths — two of them only 16 — set fire to the house after being thrown out of a pub where they were quarrelling with foreigners.

Eckart Werthebach, chief of the national counter-espionage service, issued a warning at the weekend that Germany could face "multiple spirals of violence". His Cologne-based agency has been keeping tabs for years on the so-called Grey Wolves, a nationalist Turkish organisation, and Dr Werthebach clearly believes that they are stirring up trouble.

Certainly some of the clashes reported over the weekend — such as the blocking of an autobahn — were organised by radical Turks. The Turkish protesters seem to have their own political agenda: there have been several knife fights in the past few days between Turks and Kurdish exiles.

For Herr Kohl, the theory of unguided violence is the more attractive explanation. It relieves him from the need to act immediately against the far-right fringe groups and it allows him to play down the political threat from neo-Nazis. Instead of attending the funeral of the murdered Turks in Cologne last week, he sent his interior and foreign ministers. That fairly captures his view of the crisis: it is a law and order problem and a foreign policy problem, but not a broader German one.

Herr Kohl found time yesterday, however, to visit Berlin to mark the reopening of the cathedral, a potent symbol of imperial Germany.

Popular choice: José María Aznar, the conservative party leader, and his wife Ana voting in Madrid yesterday

Spain weighs up change of reign

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

STORM clouds rolled over Spain yesterday to provide a fitting atmosphere for the most crucial general election since democracy was restored after Franco's death 18 years ago. Felipe González, 51, the Socialist prime minister in power for the past ten and a half years, and his main rival, José María Aznar, 40, a former tax inspector and leader of the conservative Popular party, voted early in Madrid.

With opinion polls putting the two parties neck and neck on 34 per cent of the vote, and an estimated 17 per cent of the 31 million electorate undecided, political analysts were pointing to the possibility of the first right-wing government in modern Spain. "The Socialist decade, as we have known it, is reaching its end," predicted *El País*, the leading Spanish newspaper, in a front-page editorial yesterday. The daily backed the party until it was hit by an illegal funding scandal, became ideologically divided, and its economic policies blamed for unemployment of 3.3 million and a soaring budget deficit.

"A new initiative" was what a tired-looking Señor González promised during the country's most frenetic election campaign, nearly eight weeks long, that has left Julio Anguita, 52, the Communist leader of the United Left, in hospital after a heart attack.

Bullrings and sports halls nationally have never been so packed for political rallies as in this campaign. American-style televised election debates made their debut, perhaps favouring Señor Aznar, who attacked corruption and the unemployment figures but without concrete solutions.

Voters queued for hundreds of yards in Madrid yesterday in one of the biggest turnouts ever. Between a third and half of the electorate had voted by 2pm, with the polls closing at 8pm. Ana,47, a restaurant owner, said: "I was not going to vote, but I see the Popular party winning, so I have again voted for the Socialists." Then, quoting a devil-you-know proverb, she added: "In the country of the blind, a one-eyed man is king."

Paco, 34, whose family security company was one of 1,200 firms that went bankrupt in the past year, said he was swapping his vote to the Popular party from Señor González. "The Socialist government owes us millions of pesetas. The Popular party is the only one that can reactivate the economy."

What is certain is that, whatevr the results, Spain's fledgeling democracy is set to enter a new phase. Proportional representation is expected to give minority parties, such as the United Left and the nationalists in Catalonia and the Basque region, the chance to form pacts or even an eventual coalition with the Socialists or the conservatives.

Serbs to vote on Bosnia link-up

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

SERB-HELD areas of Croatia are to vote on whether to unite with Serb-controlled territories in Bosnia. The Krajina assembly, also attended by Bosnian Serbs, in Petrinja said the referendum would be held on June 19 and 20.

Serb forces occupy about one-third of Croatia, captured in the Serbo-Croat war of 1991. The areas are under United Nations protection and are due to be demilitarised with mixed Serb-Croat police forces until an overall peace settlement is reached. But none of this has happened yet and the UN forces there are operating in a diplomatic limbo.

The decision of the Petrinja assembly is yet another blow to the UN's authority, already reeling under the continuing refusal of Bosnian Serb forces to allow UN military monitors in to the besieged enclave of Gorazde, the last big town in eastern Bosnia under government control. A team of five UN military observers was refused entrance to the town, reported to be overflowing with thousands of refugees, as fierce fighting continued in the region, the UN said.

Gorazde, with Foca, is one of the "safe areas" for Muslims declared by the UN, the others being Bihac, Tuzla, Srebrenica with Zepa, and Sarajevo. The UN Security Council passed a resolution in New York on Friday to send armed troops to "deter attacks against the safe areas" and to "occupy some key points on the ground", extending the UN mandate for Bosnia. The resolution calls for 5,000 extra troops to protect the areas, but Commander Barry Frewer, the UN protection force spokesman in Sarajevo, did not know when they might arrive.

The safe areas plan, drawn up by America, Britain, France, Spain and Russia in Washington a fortnight ago, is likely to face furious criticism at meetings this week of European Community foreign ministers, between Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State and the EC, and of Nato.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Italians focus on Milan poll

Rome: The established political parties were expected to sustain heavy losses in local elections in Italy that started yesterday. The poll involves a potential electorate of 11 million and is the most significant test of political opinion since a nationwide corruption scandal, leading to the arrest of hundreds of senior politicians and businessmen, erupted 15 months ago (John Phillips writes).

Under a new electoral law passed this year, Italians were able to vote for their mayors directly for the first time since the Second World War. Media attention was focused on the business capital of Milan where Nando Dalla Chiesa, a popular left-wing candidate who is the son of a police general killed by the Mafia in Palermo in 1982, is the favourite to become mayor.

Latvians vote

Riga: Latvia's first post-Soviet parliamentary elections showed a voter turnout of 45.5 per cent on the first of two days. Russian settlers are not allowed to vote and Moscow alleges that the Baltic state is preparing a "basis for ethnic cleansing". *(Reuter)*

Party splits

Budapest: Hungary's dominant political party voted to expel right-wing leader Istvan Csurka, splitting the Hungarian Democratic Forum and raising the prospect of early elections. He was accused of establishing his own political movement. *(Reuter)*

Jets backed

Bern: A Swiss national referendum approved a modernization of the country's air force with F/A-18 Hornet jet fighters, rebuffing anti-military campaigners who said the planes were not needed in the wake of the end of the Cold War. *(AP)*

Drugs found

Barcelona: A St Bernard dog used to smuggle cocaine was detained with its owner, a woman, from Bogotá, Colombia, at Barcelona airport. Vets operated on the dog, called Pochola, and found 11 small bags containing 4.2lbs of pure cocaine in the animal's stomach. *(Reuter)*

Americans go to ground as spying mars airshow

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

The Cold War may be over, but spy mania is raging as strong as ever in Paris this week, with President Mitterrand opening the Bourget air show on Thursday to the sound of American warnings about the dastardly French and scores being settled in the local secret service.

More a *Carry On* film than John le Carré, the espionage scare has kept the Hughes Aircraft company away from le Bourget and prompted American executives to view every chambermaid as a potential spook. In contrast to the dazzling show of American air power at the last show in 1991, which featured the F117 stealth fighter-bomber, the only American military aircraft on show this year will be an F16 owned by a Middle Eastern state.

Last week, the fuss claimed the head of the DGSE, the French intelligence agency, who was held responsible for what has become known as "the leak affair". As in any good spy tale, multiple theories, all plausible and contradictory, are being circulated to explain why the CIA came to warn aerospace and defence firms that the DGSE was targeting their secrets and to advise them that they would be especially vulnerable at le Bourget, the main world showcase for the industry.

Webster: truce with French counterpart

Washington officials said they were acting on French documents which confirmed that the DGSE was going to enormous lengths to steal technology from America, Britain and other allies.

The French say the Americans wanted to embarrass them with an old chestnut at a time of tensions over trade and intense rivalry between American and French civil and military contractors. "It's reaching the peak of ridicule," said General Bernard Nicolas, director-general of Gifas, the grouping of French aerospace firms. "They're using a so-called case of espionage as a pretext to give the air show a bad name." The French say the Americans want to discredit products such as the Airbus to help Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

A murkier theory, attributed to the French secret service, blames unnamed French officials who wanted to embarrass their own spies. On Friday, *Le Monde* reported yet another version, quoting French intelligence officials as saying a Paris aerospace firm had a hand in the affair. The spy wars become public in April after purportedly secret French documents appeared in the letter boxes of the CIA and an American journalist.

According to the French, the documents were a mixture of fakes and doctored versions of genuine but out-of-date papers. A foreign ministry official said the matter dated back to 1988-9, a period when the FBI caught French diplomatic officials digging in rubbish bins at the homes of American computer executives in Texas. Businessmen were advised to watch what they said on Air France airliners and not to leave documents around Paris hotels. The French hit back with details of American spying, notably on the French nuclear programmes, and in January 1990, William Webster, the then head of the CIA, agreed with Claude Silberzahn, the director of the DGSE, to bury the hatchet.

Yeltsin warns foes of 'spiral of violence'

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE first session of the Kremlin conference convened by President Yeltsin to draw up a new constitution for Russia ended with a walkout by his opponents, an exchange of insults, and a threat from Mr Yeltsin to crack down on any resistance to his plans.

During the stormy session, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker and Mr Yeltsin's most vocal opponent, was denied permission to speak on Saturday. He left the chamber screaming: "You are refusing to listen to the chairman of the parliament . . . you don't have the right to make serious decisions: not even to debate them."

Mr Yeltsin is seeking to steer the assembly this week towards agreement on a reformed basic law, which would strengthen his hold on power and devolve power from Moscow to the regions. In a speech that drew parallels between himself and the reformist Tsar Peter the Great, the Russian president said "a new spiral of violence may become a final one for our long-suffering state, many parts of whose history are soaked with blood".

The speech was intended as a warning to the Congress of People's Deputies and parliament, both of which oppose his draft constitution.

Ukraine nuclear dispute 'could spread'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

THE simmering dispute between Russia and Ukraine over nuclear weapons could be turning into a confrontation with the potential to become an international crisis. Les Aspin, the US defence secretary, and other senior Clinton administration officials believe.

Mr Aspin arrived in Kiev yesterday with a plan to dismantle the missiles left in Ukraine after the collapse of the Soviet Union. At Kiev airport, he said he had come to "expand the relationship between the militaries of the United States and very important." He had earlier discussed the idea with Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, during meetings in Germany.

Under the plan, the warheads would be put under control of international inspectors and gradually sent to Russia where the enriched uranium could be removed and sold to the Americans, enabling Ukraine to reap several billion dollars from the transactions.

The plan is intended to placate Ukraine's fears that handing their estimated 1,600 to 1,800 warheads to Russia would rule out any compensation and could even lead to the weapons being left with no similar weapons to defend itself. These worries were reflected in the support given last week during a secret session of the Ukraine parliament for retention of Ukraine's long-range and cruise missiles, at least for the time being.

Mr Aspin is trying to mollify Kiev with promises of American participation in monitoring the withdrawal of nuclear weapons from Ukrainian soil. He is also prepared to suggest a sharing of American intelligence data with Ukraine on what Russia's military forces are doing. His security assurances will not, however, extend to offering Ukraine membership of Nato, nor of stationing American

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Even disasters have their bright side. In the case of the hotel that fell into the sea, nobody was to blame but Mother Nature

None hurt in small landslide

LIBBY PURVES

After a week which saw Mr Major, Mr Clinton, the Marquess of Blandford and others desperately shinning down the drainpipe of life, there was really only one story to follow all weekend: Holbeck Hall hotel's spectacular fall into the North Sea. This hotel saw its last sunset as a timeless piece of mid-Victorian England, standing a quarter of a mile's stroll from the clifftop amid rose-gardens and manicured lawns. By the next dawn it was lawnless and shuddering: by Saturday night gable after gable was falling down the cliff.

As the crowd of spectators and TV cameras grew, I looked into those interested Yorkshire faces behind the safety-barriers at Scarborough as if into a mirror: every face showed exactly my feelings. There was a touch of *schadenfreude* and a mild gloat at seeing £2 million-worth of posh hotel vanishing down a cliff: a larger mingling of shame at feeling any such thing with the poor proprietress standing there heartbroken: but mainly a timeless and ultimately healing sense of awe. It was bad news, all right, but a rare kind of bad news. Nobody was hurt, and nobody can be blamed.

There can be no call for a public enquiry, no panic legislation, no resignations, no cover-up. There is no point combing Alan Clark's diaries for some spiteful indication that the landslip was all Mr Heseltine's fault for being a bit of an outsider. Mr John Smith will be hard pressed to blame this one on the Conservative party, and the Conservative party will have to give up — albeit reluctantly — any attempt to blame it on Mr Norman Lamont.

As for the Greens, it was an environmental event all right, but the environment did it to us this time. I seem to remember Mr John Gummer, in his last ministry, being put vaguely in charge of the agricultural East Coast not falling into the sea, but only the power of prayer could have helped him forestall this spectacular, half-mile-wide muddy chute of Yorkshire. A series of dry summers and a wet winter on an unstable coast are not preventable by Citizen's Charter.

Nor can the hotel be blamed by safety experts for putting guests so close to unstable cliffs in the first place: it was, for heaven's sake, over 300 feet away from the edge when they went to bed. They were warned and packing when the first cracks appeared, and evacuated smartly. It was a magnificently unattributable disaster: just one of those things. The young bride whose wedding should have been held in the vanished wing said philosophically: "We got used to the idea, very quickly, once we realised there was absolutely nothing we could do." Quite.

I called the awe of such events a "healing" thing, and I meant no less. I live further down the East Coast, close to the lost city of Dunwich, now a gently crumbling village by the Suffolk sand cliffs. From the Flora Tea Rooms you may stand looking out to sea, historic map in hand, and imagine the old Maison-Dieu hospital, the Blackfriars monastery and the Gilden gate which were still standing in 1587 stretching before you under the bland grey waves. Beyond them, the old market square of 1350, the Guildhall and churches of Saints Katherine, John, Leonard, Martin and Nicholas. St John's, built in the year 1540, can have stood less than 40 years before falling, even though Dunwich burghers must have known for a century and more what shifting sand they lived on.

You can draw from these things whatever conclusions, religious and philosophical, you wish. But after doing so, far from feeling insecure you somehow feel calm and humorous, and securely back in your human place. It diminishes the constant unease raised by the great bulk of Sizewell B looming to your right. *Tout lasse, tout passe, tout casse*, and not all of it is our fault: we lie in the hand of God.

People who live with Nature's great caprices are often calm and humorous. I spent time once with the US Army Corps of Engineers, whose task is to stop the meandering Mississippi from carving new channels through towns and factories. The Corps' motto is a suitably willing and cautious: *Essayons* — Let us try. But the Mississippi has had seven deltas in 5,000 years and engineers like Chief Jimmie Graham know perfectly well that stabilising it is impossible. He beamingly told me: "We don't believe you'll ever get the river whipped. We are awful cautious — we say we have 'reasonable control'."

He showed me how the Mississippi is currently making a bid for an eighth new delta: it wants to pour itself into the Atchafalaya, 50 miles north-west of Baton Rouge, and leave that port and New Orleans itself dry. It won't do it just yet, because of the river control structures erected in 1973.

But in the end, as Mark Twain said: "Ten thousand river commissions cannot tame that lawless stream, cannot curb it or confine it, cannot say to it, Go here, or Go there and make it obey, cannot save a shore which it has sentenced; cannot bar its path with an obstruction which it will not tear down, dance over, and laugh at." And so it is with the North Sea, and all seas. What they teach is humility. But, *Essayons*.

Do great apes have rights?

A distinguished group of academics believes that apes should be treated as our equals. But first, we should treat each other as equal, argues **Alan Ryan**

BOB COLLIER

All in the family? Humans share 99 per cent of their DNA with the chimpanzees and gorillas

Americans are mildly embarrassed to discover that when the American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain their ringing assertion that "all men are created equal" didn't mean quite what it says. Black men were apparently created to become slaves: Native American men were created to be chased off their traditional hunting grounds, and women of all races and colours were created to be domestic helpers, and not, God forbid, to take an active part in politics, religion or science.

Now that we recognise racism and sexism for the evils they are, ought we to be embarrassed by speciesism? Having at last accepted that when we *say* "all men are created equal" we mean that *all* human beings have the right to be treated with respect — to be free from torture and from imprisonment without good cause, to be given enough freedom to develop their individuality, and not to be made unwilling sacrifices to the purposes of other people — ought we to extend that respect to our nearest relations, the great apes?

> It cannot be that we suppose that the gorillas are to instruct a silk

Paola Cavalieri and Peter Singer have rounded up a distinguished group of zoologists and philosophers — Richard Dawkins, Jane Goodall, Stephen Clark among them — who have no doubt that the answer is yes.

The Great Ape Project begins with a rousing Declaration on Great Apes modelled on the American Declaration of Independence. The great apes are to be incorporated into the community of moral equals, and that means that they must have the minimum protections that we demand for ourselves. They ought not to be killed except in self-defence, they ought not to be incarcerated except where they are a threat to others, and they ought not to be subjected to pain — certainly not to amuse their torturers — nor, more contentiously, where hurting them might provide some benefit to human beings.

Peter Singer is famous for his work on animal liberation. He plainly regards the extension of these rights to our nearest relations — gorillas, chimpanzees, and orang-utans — as the thin end of the wedge. People who do not think cattle are entitled to anything more than a painless death when the time comes to slaughter them may be persuaded that the "higher" mammals have more elaborate rights that we ought to respect.

It was for many years debated whether negroes, Hottentots and Australian aboriginals were really of the same race as ourselves. We are now ready to ask whether great apes are kin for legal and moral purposes. Perhaps after the passage of enough time, we shall move further, and extend our sympathies to mammalian life in general.

It is an issue that raises innumerable others. Scoffers are likely to begin by objecting that human beings have not, do not, and probably can not really believe in the moral equality of human beings, let alone in the moral equality of all the great apes, ourselves among them. The post-Cold War record suggests that the natural inclination of mankind is to narrow our sympathies rather than to widen them; the American Declaration of Independence, rather like Marx's *Communist Manifesto*, was a high point of optimism and self-delusion. Realists look at Bosnia and Armenia, and think they are doing well if antagonistic groups can be got to stop killing each other; persuading them to think of each other as equals is a utopian fantasy.

This is not much of an objection. It is just because human beings are so prone to this sort of irrationally destructive behaviour that our 17th century forbears sickened of the wars of religion and tried to set up governments that respected the rights of their citizens. Pointing to Bosnia, Somalia, Armenia and wherever else explains why we need to talk about protecting people's rights, not why it is a waste of time. By the same token, pointing to chimpanzees driven mad by being kept in isolation, killed slowly and painfully by being infected with Aids, or exhibited to be mocked and tormented by human spectators, explains why we need to talk of the rights of animals, not why it is a waste of effort. We used to exhibit lunatics at Bedlam, but would not think that a good reason for doing it again.

There are more complicated objections. One is that it is not obvious that talking about animals' *rights* is the most fruitful direction to move in. In their declaration, Paola Cavalieri and Peter Singer write about the procedures we need to think of to rescue a great ape from unjust imprisonment: in the case of human great apes, the main need is obviously to give people who think they are unjustly imprisoned access to courts and lawyers. In the same vein, the declaration talks of "the right to appeal". But how much sense does this make? It cannot be that we suppose that gorillas are to instruct a silk.

Ordinary, competent, adult human beings can do all sorts of things with their rights, such as waiving them, standing on them, transferring them, defending them themselves or letting someone else do it for them. We may share 99 per cent of our DNA with chimps and gorillas, but the 1 per cent we don't has made a vital difference to speech and language and all that goes with them.

Up to a point, this objection can be met. Children have rights, and they have guardians to defend those rights. Our cousins among the apes could have rights, and guardians to protect their rights, too. It isn't a great leap of the imagination to think that inspectors who close down laboratories that have treated experimental animals badly have been defending the rights of the animals. Still, it may not be the most plausible thought.

We do not mind talking about children's rights because children grow up and can exercise their rights for themselves. If one kind of child never grew up, I think we should probably stop talking of their having rights at all, though we would equally probably appoint guardians to protect them. Talk of rights suggests a self-conscious, active membership of a community that is just what our speechless cousins can't have.

In that sense, talk of equality is a bluff. The real thought is that we are, and cannot help being, unequals. It is just because we can exercise power over them that they cannot exercise over us that we ought to mind how we do it. That notable critic of natural rights, he said that the crucial question about animals is "*can they suffer?*" What the contributors to the Great Ape Project remind us is that our nearest cousins on the evolutionary tree — when one thinks how much nicer they are than we are, it is hard to think of it as a ladder — can suffer in ways very much like the ways in which we suffer. They can be bored, anxious and literally psychotic: they form durable attachments and grieve appallingly when they are broken. We can damage them in the way we damage human beings, which is why we

Several of the contributors to *The Great Ape Project* go on at length about how close other great apes are to us genetically. That perhaps misses the point. It is the closeness of their emotional and social reactions that grabs our attention. Beyond that lie deep and difficult questions about the way human beings are both part of the natural world and separate from it. Much of the damage we do to other great apes is of a piece with the restless tinkering we do to everything else — we tear up landscapes, divert rivers, change the habits of domesracing pigeons, and so on endlessly. We also wish we could live peacefully in the world and not make such a mess of it. It is hard to believe that the friends of the great apes will make much headway against zoos, drug companies and scientific researchers until the rest of us make more headway against the exploitative side of human nature.

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A DECLARATION ON GREAT APES

The authors demand that chimpanzees, gorillas and orang-utans be granted rights including:

● **The right to life**: the lives of members of the community of equals are to be protected. Members of the community of equals may not be killed except in very strictly defined circumstances, for example, self defence.

● **The protection of individual liberty**: members of the community of equals are not to be arbitrarily deprived of their liberty. The detention of those who have not been convicted of any crime, or of those who are not criminally liable, should be allowed only when it can be shown to be for their own good, or necessary to protect the public from a member of the community who would clearly be a danger to others if at liberty. In such cases, members of the community of equals must have the right to appeal, either directly or, if they lack the relevant capacity, through an advocate, to a judicial tribunal.

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When even Mellors is lost for words

English is fine for a coarse joke — but we can't master the language of love

The problem with *Lady Chatterley's Lover* is and always has been that nobody, be he bishop or schoolboy, dustman or don, can read it without sniggering. (The only possible exception may be F.R. Leavis, who recoiled from the book as being unworthy of Lawrence, but he was simply not the sniggering sort.)

Even Edmund Wilson, who reviewed it admiringly in 1929 when one of the copies Lawrence had printed privately in Florence came his way, broke off from his paean to observe that "the poetic sincerity of the gamekeeper does not always quite save his amorous rhapsodies over certain plain old English terms from being funny at the wrong time". Quite so. First you snigger, then you cringe. If, therefore, Ken Russell manages to keep his pledge of fidelity to Lawrence's several texts in the BBC television's four-part serialisation that began last night, and we all nevertheless manage to keep our faces straight, then he will have pulled off quite a coup. But I fear that Mellors the gamekeeper, intoning four-letter words and high-falutin' sentiments in dialect as he strews forget-me-nots in her ladyship's every creamy cleft, may appear no less comical than Mellor the MP having his toes sucked in a Chelsea football strip.

Poor old Lawrence; he never did realise the limitations of those plain old Anglo-Saxon terms for the lower body and its functions. He thought he could bury the 19th century attitude to sex as a "dirty little secret" by liberating them to stand in for those windy circumlocutions of his that were, he knew, a fault in *The Rainbow*. Alas, they simply aren't up to the job of rhapsodising, or preaching. They're earthy — fine for satire, realism, bawdiness and cursing — but just plain risible when embedded in Latinate sermons on a brave new world founded upon a new honesty in relationships between men and women. Lawrence thought this was only a moral problem, to do with Victorian hypocrisy and sentimentality, but somehow failed to see the aesthetic difficulty.

The difficulty of writing directly and at the same time inspiringly about sex remains, for all the success of the trial of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, if not of the book itself, in unleashing the sexual revolution of the 1960s. As Edmund Wilson said in that review, French has developed a classical vocabulary for writing about the subject directly and with dignity, but English has not.

There is nothing between the coarse, colloquial words and the quasi-medical ones, except updated versions of Victorian euphemisms. Is it not odd that this observation, made in 1929, still rings true after 30 years in which it has been almost impossible to write fiction in English *without* writing about sex?

Perhaps I'm just impatient, but I'm surprised that attitudes have changed so completely without somehow expanding the vocabulary to express them.

I first encountered *Lady Chatterley* as a small child in the early 1960s when I found it wrapped in brown paper under the pillow of a hated temporary nanny, who had been called in to look after me and my younger brother and Lawrence would have loathed her as much as I did, for she embodied everything he was trying to break down. I remember her sweeping in, all in black and looking like Mrs Danvers, casting an eye around our untidy farmhouse, taking in the animals, and the mud, both inside and out, and sucking her teeth at the sight of a toilet roll on the kitchen table. (We all had streaming colds.)

"You poor children," she said, glaring at my mother and producing a box of tissues in a frilly pink case. "I'll soon get things nice and respectable here. Children always call me Candy because I'm so sweet." She was, of course, a snobbish old witch who pinched us. On reflection, I don't suppose she sniggered at Lady C any more than Leavis did. I wonder if she might have been less disagreeable, though, if she had been able to slip on a pair of dark glasses and buy pornography at the paper shop?

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Lawrence was not much of a prophet. He thought that without secrecy there would be no pornography.

Candy is, I hope, as much a pre-sixties phenomenon as the young bride setting off on her honeymoon in a sweat of ignorance and fear. Lawrence would be glad to think he had contributed to that sort of change. He would also, I think, be impressed by the way Ken Russell transferred *Women in Love* to the cinema screen 20 years ago — and perhaps a little jealous.

Russell was able to do the big romantic scenes by conveying the images explicitly and bathing them in great sweeps of expressive music. A writer can only fail at the point where words become banal or unwieldy, but a film-maker can leave words aside for those moments and still build his crescendo.

It goes without saying that Lawrence would have been appalled by girlie magazines, sex and shopping novels and Sharon Stone's latest unveiling, but then he never did expect much of popular culture. He might admire Nabokov, perhaps, but not Philip Roth or Martin Amis. He might be surprised to see so many women writing fluently and affirmatively about sex, and so many men writing either blackly or with embarrassment. (Englishmen, that is.)

Americans, and especially non-WASPS, are unencumbered by that hangover of a public school notion of gentlemanliness which still makes them — from Simon Raven to Stephen Fry — tongue-tied about romance but garrulous about sexual experiment.)

He might have enjoyed Dennis Potter in his *Pennies from Heaven* days, but surely not now. Wouldn't he be puzzled to find so many writers working away into the darkest recesses of sexuality where only violence can be found, as though they were mining in the hope of striking a taboo, as though they almost wished there still were a censor who could ban their work for obscenity.

It is not, after all, as though there are no taboos left in this politically correct environment. Perhaps the fate of Salman Rushdie, far more horrible than Lawrence's own, is what has put a brake on other kinds of literary temerity.

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Young designers enjoy a final flirtation with the fabulous before facing the reality of the job-hunting grind

Fleeting fame, after a fashion

NEWCASTLE: PAMELA GARDNER'S TOUGH FOOT-TROOPERS

DERBY: ZOE GRAHAM'S INGENIOUS SILKY PRINT SQUARES

EPSOM: LUCASTA ROGER'S HORSE AND HOUNDS SET

RAVENSBOURNE: JOHN TATE REVISITED THE APOCALYPSE NOW

MICHAEL POWELL/ROBIN MAYES

NOTTINGHAM: SAM HARTZEL SEWED STRIPS OF FABRIC TOGETHER TO MAKE COLOURFUL AND COMFORTABLE SEPARATES

BRIGHTON: HELEN PALMER

LEFT: NEWCASTLE: GILLIAN ROWLING'S SHAMELESS COOL
RIGHT: BRISTOL: PETER FOSTER'S EDWARDIAN UNLEASHED

MIDDLESEX: HELEN COLLINS

NEWCASTLE: KIRSTY DRURY

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

It is commonly accepted that fashion designers are arrogant, over-inflated egotists. Imagine then the horror of a fashion designer with youth on his or her side. Such a nightmarish concept does exist: the fashion student has more bravado than Branson and Branagh put together.

Last week, a series of catwalk shows at the Business Centre in Islington, north London, paraded this summer's crop of British fashion graduates. The shows gave fledgling designers a chance to come together and each present a very personal vision of fashion. For three days, their ideas ran riot.

Sadly, for the majority, this will be the only chance they ever get to display their designs before an audience. Even as big league designers they may never get the opportunity to be quite so self-indulgent (creatively speaking) again. After three or four years studying, with this thought lurking in their minds, the new school took to the runways with glorious gusto. This was the moment they had waited for; nobody was going to stop them enjoying it.

With maybe only a few minutes in the spotlight, each student struggled to capture the audience, and convert it to *their* way of thinking. "This is how you should dress," was the message. Loud and clear. Some went even further, using the platform to air their views on subjects such as race and gender. Others merely decided they would design a lovely collection based on, for example, the circus, "because circuses are really lovely, aren't they?"

There is no way to convey the diversity of styles on show. Each of the colleges involved has a particular "handwriting". Where one body of educators might consider commerce to be the key to creating successful designers, another simply encourages its students to let their imaginations soar, regardless of retail possibilities. Each doctrine has its own merits, and pitfalls.

My only real disappointment was discovering how many of the student designers have embraced the "deconstructivist" movement with open arms, pinking shears at the ready. Too many seams appeared on the outside. Too many hems hung down. Too often the students tore apart the accepted image of fashion without having anything with which to replace it. Instead, they showed lots of torn apart clothes which had no end or beginning. This is not solely the students' fault. Youth is their excuse. It should be the responsibility of their lecturers to teach that it is, indeed, necessary to be able to construct garments before attempting to deconstruct them. That said, the students did a grand job at showing flair and foresight.

Several themes overlapped. There were various stabs at the Dracula pastiche. Plaster casts — à la Michael Jackson — and bandages were paraded by the more wacky students. Quasi-religious looks were rife: from colourful Catholicism to monastic monochrome. Judaism and even the Amish were glorified. Stephen Charlick, of Harrow, University of Westminster, produced a collection for the fashion faithful, using all the right touches: white shirts with extended cuffs, split skirts, cropped tanks, layered lengths and trailing ribbon ties. Other students took evening classes in origami, producing garments which almost folded in on themselves. By far the most successful students were those who managed, with only eight or ten outfits, to sustain one idea, shaping it into a collection, sometimes the original idea being extremely humble.

Sam Hartzel, of Nottingham Trent University, simply sewed strips of fabric together to make striped separates that looked both colourful and comfortable. From the University of Derby, Zoe Graham made ingenious dresses from silky print squares. Gillian Rowling, of the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, showed shamelessly cool and elegant eveningwear. More dramatic, but equally cohesive, was the collection by Lucasta Rogers, of Epsom School of Art and Design, based on the horse and hounds set. Traditional items were given a new slant. Jodphurs, reconstructed, became a striking red evening gown. Silky rosettes swept the floor on the train of another. Silvered bits looked clever as bracelets.

Many of the forward thinking youngsters took great relish in reworking the past. Peter Foster, of Bristol University, described his black and white creations as "Macrobiotic Edwardian Unleashed". His overblown ballgowns worn with balloon underdraws were frail and interesting. Another collection, by Joanne Sparrow, of Manchester Metropolitan University, resembled Victorian widows in mourning.

Menswear achieved a strong showing. From slick, menacing "Men From Uncle" by Jean Francois E. Cote, of Derby, ultra-modern Mao looks by Alan Hau, of Epsom, to the rustic wardrobe for a fisherman's friend created by Lisa Brighten, of the University of East London. There were dandies from every decade, and lots of workwear. Two collections based on military uniforms shone. Pamela Gardner, of the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, showed tough-looking foot-troopers in sombre kilts and great coats, while at Ravensbourne Fashion School, John Tate revisited the Apocalypse, making it look exactly right for now.

Most remarkable was the genuine excitement one felt at every show. It was great to be at fashion shows where the audience clapped.

There were unexpected delights such as the marvellous showing by students at the University of Brighton who, although technically on a textile course (print, knit and woven), created some wonderful moments. Their unpretentious approach gave them the edge over others who laboured the "fashion" label. Less celebrated colleges, such as Derby and Bristol, should be toasted.

But Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design should be roasted for not taking part in the event (it shows today at The Grand in Clapham, south London). It could have added its reputation to the affair, while sharing in the glory. It is wrong to stand aloof. It is at college where tomorrow's designers must be encouraged to support each other. There is plenty of time later, with fully inflated egos intact, to snipe and carp about one another.

The Graduate Fashion Week Shows should give the students a moment to enjoy being part of the fashion spectacular, to see just how bright and blazing it can be — no matter how brief.

Generation rap

HOTLINE asked leading fashion players attending graduate fashion week for their comments on the young British designers of tomorrow:

● STEPHEN JONES, Milliner.
"It was funny, the press were really dressed up and yet the students were wearing T-shirts and jeans. There was a noticeable generation gap that, I feel, has nothing to do with money — it's a different attitude."

● JULIUS SCHOFIELD and JOANNA NEICHO, Indesign:
"The most exciting show for us this year was Newcastle. They use graduate fashion week as a platform for showing some of the best student fashion in Britain. The training at Newcastle produces ideal students for the middle and mass markets as well as some high-flyers."

● NICHOLAS KNIGHTLY, fashion designer:
"My favourite collection was by Masako Tsuruta, from Ravensbourne. It was really honest and very whole; she had drawn upon her culture and produced a very refreshing collection, in step with now."

● DOUGLAS MACLENNAN, subject leader, University of Northumbria at Newcastle:
"The shows are a reflection of politics and society at the moment. It's taboo to reflect a monied view of fashion. The best collections indicate a feeling of dressing down. It's much more to do with a fine art approach to fashion."

● STEPHEN KING, course leader, Northbrook college:
"Education has got to move into the 20th-century. It's no longer a finishing school for 'young ladies'. Money makes life tick. I feel that menswear, previously undermined, is becoming as important and as strong as womenswear."

● CARYN FRANKLIN, *The Clothes Show*:
"This is my favourite week of the fashion year, the bravado and energy only comes with youth. There is a new generation of tuned-in, media-literate students."

● SYLVIA AYTON, designer, Wallis:
"It's such a great forum for the student fashion collections: it means that buyers and potential employers can see British fashion talent in one place."

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Matthew Parris

■ Might a journalist who praises or damns John Major have a private motivation, a hidden agenda?

John Major is fighting for survival. As a parliamentary sketch writer and occasional commentator, it is my job to record and offer opinions on the passing show. For this I am well paid, earning three times what an MP does and more than a prime minister.

During the Thatcher years the job was straightforward, its personal moral choices unproblematic. It didn't matter what one said about her: she was just *there*, like the west wind, a seemingly unchangeable fact. One could be as rude or as flattering as one pleased about this person. Who cared what we thought? She didn't need to.

Now things have changed. Not for a moment do I pretend that my own commentary affects Mr Major's fortunes much, because I am a journalistic lightweight, but I can hurt or help him just a little. More important, I know that what my senior colleagues in Fleet Street write does matter, and can hurt or help quite a lot. This is not because the public takes much notice of them, but because MPs do. To a greater degree than may be realised, the political pages of our newspapers have become a sort of bush telegraph by which politicians, obliged by their own party culture to appear dumb, communicate with each other and guess what the others may be thinking. We are the medium. Our power to put a spin on the message is significant. We do use it.

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"Ah," you say, "but you shouldn't. You should interpret and relay facts as you see them, judge and forecast dispassionately. More than this is arrogance." Maybe so. But I do not believe many of us do succeed in separating ourselves from our commentaries or would know how to. I am looking at political journalism as it is, not as it might be.

And in recent months I have become absorbed in the question of my own motivation, the unacknowledged influences on my commentary. This absorption arises not, I hope, from vanity, but from an interest in the way columnists generally, as a species, behave. Perhaps I am not typical, but I suspect other journalists will recognise, in what follows, feelings to which they too are prey. Let me try to be honest about what tugs me, under the surface, in what I write about MrMajor. This, as the fashionable lingo has it, is my hidden agenda...

Reasons for talking him up:-

1. I want him to succeed. This is partly because he has seemed a commonsense man, his judgment steady, his leadership likely to be sound; but also because...

2. I like him. He was always very nice to me after we both entered Parliament in 1979. It doesn't seem decent to try to hurt someone who has never hurt me.

3. I especially like his wife, Norma. She would give me a reproachful look if I wrote anything wounding about her husband. I could not bear this. A desire not to upset Norma has pruned more than one sketch of some of its ruder remarks.

4. Major and I belong to the same dining club. Sooner or later I shall encounter him there. How could I look him in the eye on a social occasion if I had questioned his leadership?

5. And then there is my reputation as a forecaster to consider. Perhaps nobody remembers this but me, but I am on record from the outset as saying that Mr Major was underrated. I tipped him for the leadership before most. I told Simon Jenkins, the previous *Times* editor, that this would be a formidable politician. I feel that something of my professional reputation rides with Mr Major. I wish to assist the horse on whom I have placed a small career bet.

6. Finally, there is my retirement to consider. Overstretched now, might I nonetheless wish in (say) my sixties to consider some form of public service? Ought I to keep in with the Tory establishment?

But there are also opposing impulses, voices whispering that this fellow will have to look after himself, because...

1. What has he done for me? Has he asked me to Chequers, like some people I know? Now that remark is plumb stupid. We were never close friends. I've often been impertinent about him, and there is no reason in the world why someone with a country to run should ask me to tea. I wouldn't enjoy it anyway. Prime ministers oughtn't to try to influence journalists. But... well, he asked Ian McKellen to lunch...

2. Which brings me to my other resentment. I believed he was going to give Britain a push over homosexual law reform, but no — and, with Kenneth Clarke gone from the Home Office, hope fades. I feel personally let down. Silly, of course. I know very well that this should not influence my professional assessment. But it does. We may be Jewish, we may be Catholic, we may be widows or soldiers, have children who are doctors or teachers... and we ask "is this man on *our* side?" and it does make a difference. Do you think journalists are unlike other humans in this?

Well, there you are. The style may have been flippant but the content was an attempt at honesty. Admitting things to *Times* readers helps one admit them to oneself.

European integration can be achieved without the folly of federalism, says **Ralph Harris**

A glittering prize in Maastricht's mud

Ever since Margaret Thatcher spoke at Bruges of the danger of a European superstate, I have been trying to work out who really wants to speed up political union rather than consolidating the more widely supported common market — which is what Edward Heath sold us 20 years ago.

It is easy to see why Jacques Delors and his fellow commissioners should wish to enlarge still further their powers and prominence. Not only are they mostly former politicians with a fatal itch to do good, but several have ambitions to be called home to higher things. As for the bureaucrats under them, they are sufficiently human to favour enlarging their empires.

But why do national leaders want to cede further power into these grasping hands in Brussels? There is no mystery about Spain and the other mendicant nations whose support has been purchased by promises of subsidies from the new "cohesion fund". But what about countries that will pay the higher bills?

In his recent paper, *A Tale of Two Europes*, Lord Beloff recalls the laudable post-war aim of the Treaty of Rome, to construct a Franco-German axis around which there could be integration of the continental states "whose confidence in their own institutions had been destroyed". Alas, they also shared many inward-looking, cultural, dirigiste, and legal traditions that remain wholly different from, even hostile to, Britain's international, liberal, Anglo-Saxon roots.

Why then should British leaders tag along — apart of course from John Major and the dwindling band of sycophants who regard Maastricht as Mr Major's personal triumph? Above all, how can this statist progression be supported by Tories, least of all the numerous erstwhile allies of Mrs Thatcher? Part of the answer is that severe whipping dragooned many doubters into the Aye lobby. But what of Geoffrey Howe, David Howell and others who share my understanding and enthusiasm for a liberal market economy?

One clue may be a speech by Geoffrey Howe as foreign secretary in 1989 when he described Europe as "the necessary vehicle, the central fulcrum, the basic lever for Britain to exercise the influence it wishes to exercise in the world". Such Foreign Office games-playing does not take into account the real world and is doomed to exacerbate national rivalries. Above all, it underestimates the glittering prize of true European integration, without Maastricht, through completing the single market in a liberal framework.

One of Adam Smith's insights was that if all barriers to free trade were ended "*the different states into which a great continent was divided would so far resemble the different provinces of a great empire*". In short, a genuine common market based on mutual recognition is a benign method of integration; an invisible empire which is the best antidote to the recurrence of war. It was specifically to speed the removal of tariffs, subsidies and other distortions to competition that Mrs Thatcher assented to the Single European Act in 1986. Alas, by ending the national veto, this crucial federalising measure opened the door wider to the subordination of British law to edicts from Brussels, and the imperialism of the European Court in Luxembourg.

Ever since, the superstatists have exploited majority voting to impose ruinously costly standards that are not only unnecessary but diametrically opposed to competing jurisdictions implicit in free trade. Where trade depends on differences in national, regional and local production costs, the corporatist pressure from Brussels is for harmonisation and standardisation to suit established interests. M Delors recently gave the game away by calling for "a global social charter" to stop competition from the East. This is not a level playing field. It is the ultimate in flat earth economics.

Forget the nonsense about the British sausage, French cheeses, the straight cucumber. Even without Maastricht, remote Eurocrats are forever pushing to impose the 48-hour week, discourage part-time working, ban schoolboy newspaper rounds, censor tobacco advertising, push equal pay to absurd limits, harmonise taxes and more mischief besides. What is all this to do with them, or with the single market? How long before nothing is left for us to decide for ourselves? Poor Mr Major takes refuge in talk about enlarging membership; but how will the less productive economies of Eastern Europe jump these hurdles, which are in truth designed to keep them out?

The case against Maastricht is that it mightily accelerates this intrusive process. It enlarges the so-called "competence" of the Commission. It extends majority voting in 100 directions. It augments various slush funds and increases taxation. It inflates costs, reduces flexibility and brings fortress Europe nearer. Above all, the obsession with an irreversible monetary union threatens to reduce economic self-government to empty ceremonial. It is a distraction and a detraction from the single market.

It is simply adding insult to injury for whipped friends of Maastricht to boast of the insertion of "subsidiarity" and the removal of "federal" when actions and analysis tell so eloquently of the centralising logic of European political union. By now the emollient Mr Major should have discovered that appeasement — as in 1938 — buys only temporary respite from pressure. Already we read another federal ambush is being prepared when the Belgians take over the presidency next month.

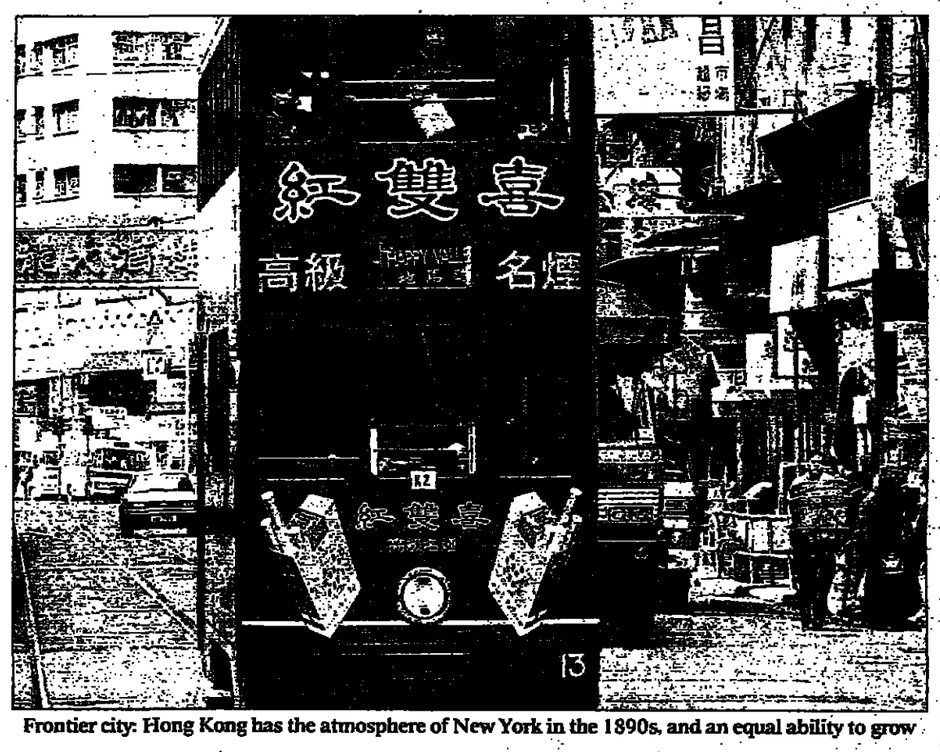
Constitutional scruples aside, the real case for a referendum is that it would buttress the government for the continuing struggle, which I fear would be all the more acrimonious if the sovereign people misguidedly voted Yes.

Peter Riddell is on holiday.

Lord Harris of High Cross is a professional economist and a cross-bench peer.

The metropolis most likely

Chris Patten and Hong Kong are doing well — and will do even better



Frontier city: Hong Kong has the atmosphere of New York in the 1890s, and an equal ability to grow

William Rees-Mogg

What would the ideal modern city be like? Undoubtedly it would be wealthy, and have the prospect of continuing to become wealthier for decades ahead. The economy might be growing at more than 5 per cent and trade at more than 20 per cent. Its citizens would be better off than Londoners are today, and many would be very rich. They would be hardworking and healthy, with better mortality statistics, including infant mortality, than Britain, Australia or the United States. This city would be a great and growing trading centre with a major international port and airport. It would also be a great and growing financial centre able to make massive investments overseas. It would be the largest outlet for the trade of the greatest expanding economy in the world.

Such a city would not be racked by poverty and crime, like present-day New York, but would have excellent public housing and a crime rate lower than that of Tokyo, let alone London. It would have first-class schools and rapidly expanding universities. It would be lightly taxed, despite improving welfare services, and lightly regulated, unlike poor old Europe. It would have hardly any unemployment. It would be a tough and resilient city, with experience of dramatic economic and political changes, and the proven ability to overcome them. It would have a varied and free press, and the rule of law. It would be Hong Kong.

Physically Hong Kong is surprisingly like Manhattan, an offshore island with a thousand skyscrapers rising from the rock, yet the atmosphere is more like that of New York in 1890. The best years are still ahead. Hong Kong is the last and in some ways the greatest single achievement of the British Empire, something our grandchildren will wonder at, if only because Hong Kong will then be so much richer than they can expect to be. The prime credit for the achievement should go to the Chinese people of the city themselves. But British administration and British business can be proud of having contributed to this extraordinary success.

In London there is criticism of Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, by people who fear that he has alienated China and that he may have pressed the case for democracy too hard. Similar fears can be heard in Hong Kong itself, particularly among the business community.

The choice that Chris Patten had to make a year ago was whether the last governor should primarily be the representative of Britain, as the departing sovereign power, or the representative of the people of Hong Kong. He could have been a quiet British negotiator, seeking the best available bargain with Peking. However, such a figure would have given no leadership and would almost certainly have lost the confidence of the people of Hong Kong. That would have been a disaster from every point of view. It would have demoralised Hong Kong; it would have discredited Britain, failing in our last great transaction of empire; it would have handed over to China a depressed and possibly damaged asset.

Chris Patten decided that the only way to lead Hong Kong successfully towards 1997 was to make himself an effective spokesman for Hong Kong. He has succeeded in that. In this extraordinarily difficult and anxious period, his confidence rating in the local opinion poll has never fallen below 60 per cent; it is currently 26 per cent higher than President Clinton's rating in the United States. He has won the confidence of a Chinese people, strongly proud of their Chinese nationhood. I am not sure that a Chinese governor of the City of London could have won so high a rating.

Chris Patten's policy put Hong Kong first; he put Hong Kong's interest, and particularly the democratic interest, ahead of the narrow British interest in a quiet life; he put Hong Kong ahead of China's perception of the Chinese interest, though in fact China had everything to gain from the success of his governorship. The initial reaction of Peking was one of anger and dismay. The Chinese were used to governors who were civil servants — usually good civil servants — but not to politicians. The idea of a governor of Hong Kong who was a real governor for Hong Kong was thoroughly unwelcome to the Chinese. Yet even from the Chinese point of view, Chris Patten has an obvious advantage. Because he enjoys the confidence of the people, and is seen by them as someone who is fighting for their interests, any concessions that he has to make are widely accepted as intended to benefit Hong Kong. That makes him a valid representative in the dialogue with Peking.

From Peking's point of view, it is far better to negotiate with a strong governor. The violence of Peking's initial response has had the paradoxical effect of strengthening Chris Patten's image, though it has certainly frightened some people. Peking also benefits because the main debate in Hong Kong is now not whether the governor is making too many concessions to China — the fear of Martin Lee, the leader of the United Democrats — but whether he is making too few. Naturally Hong Kong people want both good relations with Peking and as democratic a constitution for 1997 and after as they can get. Because they are convinced that their governor is fighting for democracy, they are visibly pulling on his coat tails not to amend Peking. If they thought he was not a tough and determined spokesman for their democracy, they would probably be taking the opposite point of view, and pressing him to be more aggressive.

The outcome of the negotiations on the constitution will not be as democratic as Chris Patten or the people of Hong Kong would have liked. Yet the Chinese decision to renew the constitutional talks and reopen the parallel negotiations of economic issues, including the new airport, has strengthened confidence that agreement will be reached, and that the constitutional differences will be resolved by compromise. In any case these are details as compared with the broader impact of economic and political change in China. Inevitably the future of China will decide everything.

Despite serious problems of overheating in the economy and corruption, China is not going to change the Deng Xiaoping policies, which have now been in place since the late 1970s, and the Chinese economic miracle covering 1.2 billion people is going to continue, even if growth may fall to 5 per cent in the bad years. This will add $10 trillion to the world economy in the next 25 years, or some such colossal sum. In the second quarter of the next century China will almost certainly be the greatest economic power on earth, and Hong Kong the richest city, an amalgam of New York, London, Amsterdam and Venice at the height of their trading power, richer than any city on earth has ever been before.

To make the Deng Xiaoping policies possible, China has adopted the open market, private capitalism and substantial economic independence for the provinces. The growth of China's wealth is creating a new class who will determine the eventual development of Chinese political life. Political power is always shaped by economic reality. After 1997 Hong Kong will be an essential part of that process, but neither Hong Kong nor the existing provinces are likely to be subjected to a successful re-centralisation of power. Every force operates in favour of decentralisation. Of course, some terrible Chinese convulsion, even the death throes of a Leninist party, could disturb or even destroy China's economic destiny. But the favourable changes of the Deng era seem irreversible. There is no place on earth where economic optimism for the next century seems more justified than it does in Hong Kong today.

Red October

AS THE shadow of Margaret Thatcher once again falls over John Major in the Lords this week, he should not look for any respite thereafter on the subject of Maastricht. Even when the bill is ratified by the peers there is little prospect of peace over Europe.

With Lady Thatcher, Lord Tebbit and Lord Parkinson preparing to denounce the bill in the Lords, like-minded MPs are hatching a plan to hijack the party conference in October. Tory hopes that a display of loyalty at the conference will mark a turning point in party fortunes may be disappointed.

The rebels are planning a high-profile fringe meeting to which Lady Thatcher, Tebbit, Parkinson and anti-Maastricht MPs will be invited. Bill Cash, leading Euro-basher, is licking his lips. "We are going to find any public occasion, particularly party conferences, to bring up the issue. By that time our support could easily be bigger and the bill may not be ratified — it could be a crucial debate."

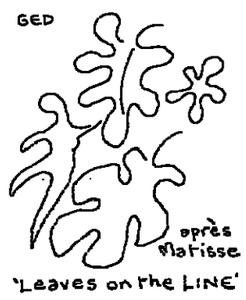
The fringe meeting should be a lively affair — a debate is being planned with supporters of the treaty, to which Sir Edward Heath will be invited. The combination of Heath and Sir Anthony Meyer, however, could see off Lady Thatcher. Meyer, whose stalking-horse challenge paved the way for Michael Heseltine's leadership bid, says: "I relish the chance to do battle with them. But if I am there, I suspect, somehow, Lady Thatcher will not be."

● *The Isle of Man's TT races started at the weekend, but only just. The bikers have had a week of disaster. On Wednesday night one of the island's two ferries transporting riders from Liverpool hit the harbour wall at Douglas. On Thursday 20-mile fogbanks cut off the island, forcing flights carrying TT fans to be diverted to Liverpool. On Friday a lightning bus strike brought public transport to a halt and attempts to use the island's steam railway as an alternative were rudely halted when a car collided with one of the engines on a crossing. As one frayed contestant said: "It might be easier to have it on the mainland next year."*

Hot seat

IT IS the last thing they need in the run-up to privatisation, but this week British Rail will be asked to destroy thousands of leaflets and posters from a new advertising campaign because they feature a character from a Matisse painting.

Lawyers acting for the Matisse estate will write to BR objecting to the way the girl from *The Romanian Blouse* has been used to sell Awayday tickets. The estate will take legal action unless the posters and leaflets are destroyed.



To make matters worse, BR has taken substantial liberties with the painting. In the original, the girl is standing with her head lowered, hands clasped and eyes half shut. For the poster a first-class seat has been painted under her.

BR admits it did not ask permission. It says sheepishly: "We would have thought about it if we were copying the painting exactly but we made an effort to make it look different, by putting her in an InterCity seat."

Tuning up

JUST over four months into the job, Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC network radio, has appointed two deputies. As well as Radio 4 controller Michael Green, Caroline Millington, previously head of magazine programmes, is taking over responsibility for in-house production strategy.

Millington's appointment leaves Forgan's hands refreshingly free. As one insider says: "Millington's is a hugely powerful position. It frees Forgan to take more strategic decisions." Forgan-watchers believe that, once she has got the review of all BBC radio and television output out of the way she will be perfectly equipped for the job many (*Diary*, January 15) believe she joined the BBC for in the first place — that of John Birt's deputy.

Home front

AS IF the lowest popularity rating for any prime minister since the 1930s was not bad enough, John Major now has to contend with sniping in his backyard. Connie Jeffrey, a pensioner who lives near the Majors in Great Stukeley, has just won £5 for her vitriolic letter to the *Hunts Post*.

She does not mince her words. "Until recently I have regarded the prime minister with a kind of amused contempt, indeed for a lad with two O-levels under his belt he has made remarkable progress," she writes before berating Major for his health service record.

Jeffrey says she has received "quite a few" letters of support. "It makes a change for this place."

● *Ever wondered what Benetton's reject photographs look like? Oliviero Toscani has entered one of his in next week's Venice Biennale art exhibition. The picture shows a variety of male organs — big, small, white, black, with and without tattoo — with the caption "Which is the prince's and which is the window cleaner's? We are all equal." Difficult to imagine why it wasn't wanted — it sounds perfect for selling jerseys.*

Envoys: the Kents will reopen relations at the embassy

Pretoria, by royal appointment

South Africa really is being rehabilitated. On June 23 Prince Michael of Kent will be guest of honour at the South African embassy in London — the first time that British royalty has honoured the embassy with its presence "for a very long time, probably since the 1950s", according to the South African ambassador, Kent Durr.

The party, ostensibly to raise money for cancer research, will see Prince, and probably Princess Michael, drinking South African wines and champagnes, helping raffle a holiday and mixing with more than 200 pro-South African guests, mostly MPs and businessmen.

John Carlisle, the Tory MP nicknamed "member for Pretoria North", welcomes the move, adding: "The royal family has always had sympathy for South Africa. On the Queen Mother's 90th birthday she had proteas on the tables in Buckingham Palace, which is South Africa's national flower. It's historic news — I might crack open a bottle of South African champagne right now."

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Ralph Harris

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BEYOND MAASTRICHT

Debate on Europe's future will start the day after ratification

This week will be rough on Tory and Labour leaders alike. John Major will spend it ducking Maastricht missiles from the House of Lords and resisting pressure from both sides of the House of Commons to say exactly where the spending axe will fall. John Smith, under attack from union barons led by the formidable John Edmonds, is also being criticised for providing weak leadership. But in Mr Major's sea of troubles, Maastricht at least no longer threatens him with shipwreck.

For drama and quality of debate, the progress of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill through the House of Lords will easily outclass the often near-incomprehensible procedural manoeuvrings of the 200 weary hours spent on the Maastricht treaty in the House of Commons. Because the real argument is between Tory and Tory — Lady Thatcher and Lord Tebbit against Lords Wakeham, Howe and Pym — John Major must be resigned to more unwelcome headlines about a party tearing itself apart. But the rebels are unlikely to shake the solid natural majority for Maastricht in the Lords or even, and in our view sadly, to win the vote on a national referendum. The parliamentary battle over Maastricht is in reality over.

Mr Major's tactical skills, notably at the Edinburgh summit, have seen him through the worst of this marathon. But he will need more than shrewd tactics to steer a post-Maastricht route taking Britain to the heart of Europe which does not finally tear the heart out of Tory unity. He has to be ahead of other European partners in the game.

On Friday, he defined Britain's objectives well enough: an enlarged and competitive Europe, with governments stimulating growth and jobs through a new Gatt trade agreement and less intrusive regulation by Brussels, able and willing to forge political and economic partnerships with the new democracies to its east. But he may soon regret that he did not qualify his boast to the Tory women that Britain had won the battle of ideas in the European Community.

In some respects, he is right, but only for the present. Across Europe, public disquiet over Maastricht has reminded politicians of the electoral risks of uniting Europe against the grain of public opinion. Recession has renationalised political agendas, as it has fuelled resentments against remoteness and bureaucratic highhandedness in Brussels. Against Jacques Delors' demands to stick rigorously to the timetable for monetary union (EMU), Mr Major can deploy the formidable argument that Europe would thus wish on itself a depression created by concerted deflationary policies. But there is the risk that the "flat earth economics" condemned by Lord Harris on the opposite page will prevail, and that it is the convergence criteria for EMU that will be jettisoned, not the timetable.

Yet well may Mr Major say that "today's European agenda is not about federalism". In the debate to come on Europe's post-Maastricht future, what Lord Joseph calls on this page "the immense subject of the division of powers in a federation" cannot be ducked. Enlargement will be the trigger. Mr Major wants debate on further institutional change deferred until after the admission of Austria, Sweden, Norway and Finland. The Foreign Office claims to be working hard on preparations of the next inter-governmental conference, but to the agreed timetable of 1996. Both are whistling in the dark.

The second the Danish referendum was safely over, M Delors asserted that enlargement must be preceded by "a blueprint for a greater Europe". Belgium, which assumes the presidency in July, will embrace with enthusiasm the demand by Helmut Kohl and other Christian Democrat leaders last week for an extraordinary summit to "relaunch European Union" as soon as Maastricht is ratified. There is margin here for a British strategy based on "variable geometry", in which an increasingly diverse membership could choose where and how to co-operate. Thus might institutional reform be made palatable, and workable. There is no margin for procrastination.

THE FOOD WE EAT

Consumers have a right to know exactly what they are buying

Today, *The Times* begins a series of reports on Britain's mass market food industry. It finds that in too many instances, the public is being deliberately deceived about the nature of the food it buys. Such abuses of public trust would seem to cry out for official attention. But those responsible for the manufacture and retailing of food products which are not what they seem — or even what they purport to be — retort that there is nothing harmful in what they do. They are not marketing products known to be toxic or unsafe. The fact that, for example, oven-ready chickens contain large amounts of water and that alleged "scampi" are nothing but breaded scraps, does not constitute any sort of risk to the consumer.

In fact, they maintain, many of their dubious procedures are designed to give the food purchaser what he wants: fruit and vegetables which look fresh and appealing for the longest possible time, and meat and fish made up into convenient, easily cooked portions. It may be alarming for shoppers to find out what is involved in delivering to supermarket shelves the brightly-coloured, perfectly-skinned, uniform oranges which they prefer to purchase or to learn that the breaded, rectangular fish-type comestibles they offer to their children are composed of an artificially reconstituted sludge of fish particles. But their revulsion, the food industry would claim, is largely aesthetic, and these methods offer a way of mass marketing fresh food at low prices.

Food production is one of Britain's most successful industries. Fifteen of the top 25 food companies in Europe are British and the factory approach to both farming and food processing has no doubt contributed to this economic ascendancy. But the argument must not end there. At the heart of this matter is deception: food which appears to be natural when much of its content is synthetic (or artificially reconstructed), produce which has been tampered with for cosmetic reasons, or apparently pure food which has been adulterated. In an age of growing sensitivity to health risks and environmental dangers, the argument that what consumers do not know will not hurt them is a plainly inadequate defence.

What concerns trading standards officers is the degree to which the public is kept in the dark about food production by companies with a stake in maintaining that ignorance. At the moment, for example, there is no legal definition of "ham" which specifies which cuts of pork and which techniques may be used in production. Quality grading of processed foods is too often vague and expressed in marketing jargon. Tougher and clearer laws about what information what must be provided on food labels are urgently needed. This should be supported by a system of fines and penalties severe enough to have an impact on the rich and powerful retailing giants who dominate British food consumption. Super-market chains should neither be allowed to dictate what buyers need to know nor be able to bend or break existing rules in the knowledge that the fines will make little or no impact on their balance sheets.

THIS TILTING ISLE

Britain is not diminished by its tilt towards Europe

The Victorians liked nothing better than a breath-taking view from a mountain eyrie or a seaside cliff-top. Guests at Holbeck Hall, the comfortable Victorian hotel above the cliffs at Scarborough, did indeed have their breath taken away when they looked out last Friday morning: perilously close to the edge of a gigantic landslide, they barely had time to settle their bills before their beds began to slither seawards. Europe's fastest eroding coastline has claimed another victim.

Britain's notorious tilt towards Europe has long had more than political consequences. As the south-east slowly slips beneath the waves, fields, houses, churches, even whole villages disappear into watery oblivion. East Anglia is particularly vulnerable: Dunwich, once the most flourishing port of eastern England, has lost more than a dozen churches, whose ghostly bells are said to toll beneath the North Sea storms. A mere sliver of shifting shingle keeps the sea from rolling up the river into Aldburgh. Further north, Spurn Head is hanging on to Yorkshire by a mere finger of *terra firma*: it will take only a few more storms to cut it adrift. Britain is leaning at about the same rate at the tower of Pisa — about four millimetres a year.

Bulwarks against the sea have been tried ever since the first child built the first sandcastle, and with much the same results: Canute employed stentorian commands to show his courtiers the limits of power (and of flattery); the burghers of Dunwich laid since the great floods of 1953, maritime engineers have ringed huge stretches of the eastern coast with concrete groins or strewed computerised pebbles along the shore to track tidal ebb and flow. The present policy now is one of orderly retreat: rendering unto the sea the things which are the sea's. There will be no more attempts to shore up structures against man's ruin.

Britain is not diminished by its movement, however: what falls in the east, rises in the west. Parts of northern Scotland are now rising craggily from the ocean. Elsewhere, the sea has retreated, rivers have silted, and ancient ports such as Winchelsea, fishing villages such as Blakeney or eighteenth century boatyards such as Bucklers Hard are now cut off from their former livelihood by acres of dry land.

Compared to other countries, Britain witnesses few natural prodigies: no glaciers tumble into the sea, no volcanoes engulf villages in lava, no tornados flatten houses, no cataclysmic earthquakes rend the land. Occasionally a garden disappears down an old mine-shaft, a river bursts its banks or a rockface crumbles. Rarely is there loss of life; rarely do people suffer more than a sharp gasp of surprise. For the owners and guests of Holbeck Hall, as with Empson's house on a cliff, "it seemed the best thing to be up and go". But the wonder is that so many other structures remain secure, perched on a cliff-edge. An occasional collapse is no metaphor for Britain's general decline.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rift 'might heal with referendum'

From Lord Joseph, CH

Sir, In early February I had a mild stroke. I have had sufficient detachment to brood upon how I would vote when the ratification of Maastricht and the question of a referendum come before the House of Lords next Monday and Tuesday. I do not find myself sufficiently strong to try to address their lordships against ratification but in favour of a referendum, but I want to put some urgent, larger, under-discussed factors before your readers in this letter.

I think that the massive inroads upon the powers of the Monarch in Parliament made by the increasing areas of legislative initiative allotted to the European Commission, subject to qualified majority voting in the Maastricht bill, undoubtedly make the bill constitutionally significant.

But I do not think that we should kid ourselves that British voters will, even if Maastricht is ratified and a referendum approved, necessarily regard Brussels as the prime interferer in their lives. I think it more likely that they would make that award to our own Parliament with its avalanche of laws and regulations.

I share, wistfully, one motive for supporting Maastricht. There must be many who, as I, compare the relative prosperity and quality of public services in some European countries with our own poorer standards and feel ashamed that successive governments have not enabled our standards to be higher.

But ratifying a dozen Maastrichts will not by themselves achieve German or Swiss prosperity for the British.

Many cultural and historical factors will need to be, or to become, different. For instance, we are lucky not to have suffered German hyper-inflation but it was precisely that hyper-inflation which made the German people readier than ours to regard inflation as so extreme an evil as to justify severe policies against it.

I am amazed that much earlier criticism has not been made of the low level of discussion of the implications of "ever closer union" — that sinister yet vivid phrase in the preamble to the Treaty of Rome and subsequently incorporated into article A of the Maastricht treaty.

Compare the relative silence here with the Philadelphia Convention of 1787 to discuss and frame the constitution for the newly established and independent United States. That formidably shrewd, erudite and worldly-wise convention shows how seriously the immense subject of the division of powers in a federation needs to be tackled.

The participants in that convention were not graduates or scholars. They had no doubt read and digested Burke and Hume and had pottered in their fathers' libraries. What a shabby contrast it all makes with the more or less frivolous badinage about subsidiarity.

I think it ignoble of senior ministers to dismiss as mere idle filibuster the campaign of the House of Commons Euro-sceptics and I suggest to the prime minister that a recognition that the repugnance to under-discussed federalism manifested in the House of Commons is driven by a patriotic passion that deserves more respect.

I think historians may well nickname their motives "Ecu", being the acronym of that federalist phrase "ever closer union" to which I have referred.

If only the PM could convert some of the federalist phraseology in the treaties to "confederal", I believe that the healing of the Tory rift would at once begin.

I hope therefore that in the House of Lords ratification will not be approved but that a referendum will.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH,
House of Lords.
June 5.

Where quality counts

From Mr J. P. Maddams

Sir, Professor Peter Scott, in his article on the funding of universities (Education, May 31), rightly points out that in an era of mass higher education, we need to re-establish some first principles for the allocation of taxpayers' money to maintaining educational standards.

The answer is simple — quality. Colleges which are popular with parents and employers alike, which regularly revise their curricula and encourage their teachers to look critically at their own performance, which attract corporate sponsorship and research funding, which are known overseas and, most important of all, are known by the student body to have academic integrity — these are the factors that should determine funding levels.

Until the Higher Education Funding Council rewards quality in its funding allocation, the good universities will remain under-funded and the less good ones will not have the financial incentive to improve.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. MADDAMS
(Managing Director),
Royal Academy of Music,
Marylebone Road, NW1.
June 1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

Resources for scientific innovation

From the Astronomer Royal

Sir, It is quite true, as the chairmen of 13 leading British companies point out in their letter of June 1, that wealth creation is a preoccupation of the government's white paper on science and technology. However, I am relieved to find that the document also states, quite categorically, that the nation's strength in science and technology "should be protected".

It is the nature of this protection for basic science that we who are involved in this area are anxious about; although it must be said that forming a new research council devoted only to the "big sciences", astronomy and elementary particle physics, does appear to be a step in the right direction.

Returning to wealth creation, what the captains of industry did not mention in their letter was that the vast majority of R & D in applied science and engineering is carried out by industry itself, with only a small contribution from government; basic science, however, relies almost entirely on public funds.

Taking engineering as an example, the Malpas committee, which reviewed the support for engineering last year, pointed out that industry's own investment in strategic research was ten to 20 times that from the government-funded Serc (Science and Engineering Research Council).

The white paper needs to be viewed in perspective, therefore. By all means let us improve the efficiency of technology transfer from basic science to the market place, but let industry, too, improve its utilisation of its far greater R & D investment.

Basic science is a must for a developed nation; we have already slipped in the international league and we are relying on the changes to be made following the white paper to at least stabilise our position. We must surely not let government support for basic science fall further still, just to increase the spend on "industrially relevant science" by a tiny fraction.

Yours sincerely,
ARNOLD WOLFENDALE,
University of Durham,
Department of Physics,
South Road, Durham.
June 1.

From the Executive Secretary of the Save British Science Society

Sir, Like Sir Ralph Robins and his co-signatories, we believe there is a need for a close partnership between industry, academia and government to ensure that best use can be made of the "outstanding asset" represented by the skills of our scientists, engineers and technologists.

However, they cannot deliver new discoveries, develop new technologies, and devise innovative new products and processes, without the necessary resources. Nor will our research base maintain its outstanding record if too many of our brightest youth continue to seek proper rewards in other careers.

A diversion towards short-term industrial relevance of the few per cent of the country's total research expenditure which supports "blue skies" research would do no good and much harm.

We expect both government and industry to demonstrate their commitment to increasing British competitiveness by raising the nation's level of investment in civil research, development and innovation, towards a share of national wealth more typical of countries like Germany and Japan. That would require a 50 per cent increase, a fact not mentioned in the government's white paper.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MULVEY,
Executive Secretary,
The Save British Science Society,
Box 241, Oxford OX1 3QQ.
June 1.

From Mr James Bentley

Sir, It was good to see that leading industrialists welcome the white paper on science and technology. So do we. They highlight the close partnership between industry, academia and government. The white paper also recognises that industry needs a better dialogue with the City. The technology foresight initiative which is proposed must therefore be supported. The members of the new Council for Science and Technology should be business leaders from all sides.

The white paper is strong on innovation, though light on funding details. Dare we hope that money will be taken away from particle physics and astronomy research and spent raising awareness of innovation in the engineering and physical sciences?

The saddest omission in the white paper is one word — manufacturing. Why use woolly words like industry and wealth creation when what we need is more manufacturing? We need to make things and sell them to foreigners — who represent 96 per cent of the world market.

And what about the young? The white paper emphasises careers in science and engineering. I wish more bright students would go for a career in manufacturing.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BENTLEY
(Managing Partner),
KPMG Peat Marwick Centre for Manufacturing,
Peat House, 2 Cornwall Street,
Birmingham 3.
June 2.

From Dr Walter J. Rosenfelder

Sir, While applauding the good intentions of the chairmen of our leading science-based industries I hope they will live up to their part in wealth creation through the better application of science and technology.

I was recently involved in organising a meeting at which approximately 100 final-year PhD students in chemistry met representatives of industry. The discussions were constructive but the students left with a feeling of disillusion and frustration since not one of the companies present was prepared to consider an interview. They had to admit they did not have a single vacancy at present.

While the absence of recruitment at a time of recession is understandable, the waste of talent in not even finding a place in industry for the most brilliant of our youngsters is to be deplored.

Yours sincerely,
WALTER J. ROSENFELDER,
44 Meadway,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.

Music for adults

From Mrs Kay Pilpel

Sir, Nine university professors of music (letter, May 29) contend that local management of schools may damage the prospects of young musicians and youth orchestras. But there is another consideration.

Many people like myself seek to reinforce at adult education classes the musical education we had in childhood. As mature practitioners, often badly in want of guidance, we recognise that learning a musical instrument, far from being an expendable luxury, is part of a general education.

Music demands self-discipline and dexterity, skills advantageous in other spheres of life. Sight-reading encourages rapid response and sure judgment, and good co-ordination is sustained by regular practice.

Above all, the reward of patient effort is creative fulfilment. I believe the professors when they say that "the loss of initial grounding can never be made up".

Yours truly,
KAY PILPEL,
42 Moss Hall Grove, Finchley, N12.
June 1.

Burden of care

From Lady Lloyd, Chairman of Caring Costs

Sir, Princess Diana (report and photograph, June 2) has raised awareness of the pressures falling on women. Around 3.9 million women in the UK have some form of caring responsibilities, anything from 20 to over 100 hours a week.

At £33.70 per week the main benefit for carers, invalid care allowance, amounts to a meagre 11 per cent of national average earnings. Government expenditure on social security benefits for carers comprises 0.5 per cent of the social security budget.

Thirteen per cent of all men in the UK, some 2.9 million, have caring responsibilities and the number is likely to increase substantially over the coming years.

As one woman carer wryly pointed out to us: "I can't help but feel that as more and more men become carers the government will be quicker to respond to their needs".

Yours faithfully,
JANE LLOYD,
Chairman, Caring Costs,
50 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.
June 2.

CrossRail route

From Mr M. C. F. Smith

Sir, Sir Michael Clapham, chairman of the Residents' Association of Mayfair (letter, May 27), overstates the potential disruption that CrossRail would cause in order to promote his association's unproved and, in my view, undeveloped ideas for an alternative route which does not pass under Mayfair.

We have attempted to reassure residents of Mayfair and individual petitioners to Parliament, including the United States embassy (report, June 3), that lorry traffic and the effects of construction will be carefully controlled in close co-operation with Westminster City Council. The construction impacts of building the much needed CrossRail platforms at stations will last much less than the five years Sir Michael claims.

The alternative scheme to which he refers involves digging up the Marylebone and Euston roads — at least as disruptive as any other major infrastructure project. Westminster council has estimated that this route would affect more residents than our proposals.

The real issue is that investment in a new rail system is potentially the most effective and environmentally sound way of ensuring that the prosperity of London is sustained.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE SMITH
(Project Director), CrossRail,
Telstar House,
Eastbourne Terrace, W2.

Who's to appear in 'Who's Who'?

From Mr Richard B. L. Fitzwilliams

Sir, I share the puzzlement of Lord Erroll of Hale (letter, May 31) as to the criteria employed by *Who's Who* in choosing its non-British entrants. However, what editor could have sufficient specialised knowledge to prune unilaterally lengthy entries of persons in so many fields of human activity?

Lord Erroll's comparison of the length of entries is the wrong way to estimate the importance of the person. In *The International Who's Who* several heads of state receive extremely short entries which contain all the information available to us; by contrast, academics with numerous honorary degrees and publications are often among the longest. This has nothing to do with their comparative significance.

I also noticed the statement in your leading article of May 21, welcoming the appearance of a new *Who's Who* in the former Soviet Union, that the cardinal rule of a *Who's Who* is that only death should remove an entry.

Such a volume should indeed be a work of historical record, with particularly eminent entries in all fields never deleted, but a disservice is done to readers if cuts are not made to many of those no longer active.

Space has to be found for new entries and current social trends must be reflected. Any international volume without enormous pruning in recent years would swiftly become useless.

Lord Erroll would doubtless applaud the estimable Debrett's *People of Today*. It lists some of its selectors, and annually removes entries which it considers superfluous.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD B. FITZWILLIAMS
(Editor),
The International Who's Who,
Europa Publications,
18 Bedford Square, WC1.
May 31.

Shuffling the pack

From Mr W. L. L. Lambeth

Sir, The appointment of an admitted economically illiterate barrister as Chancellor of the Exchequer to be responsible for the nation's and its inhabitants' financial fortunes has been hailed as a triumph for politics over economics.

It would appear to have the same logic and merit as appointing an estate agent as Attorney General. Whether it will turn out to be a triumph for the country has yet to be proved.

For years government has been exhorting industry to institute proper management training and to eschew "sitting next to Nellie and watching what she does". Will Mr Clarke have to sit next to the Treasury "Nellies" and follow what they do or will he work to some other brief? Can the country afford to allow him the time to learn from his mistakes?

Should not proper courses of training and qualification be required of prospective ministers before they are appointed?

Yours faithfully,
W. L. L. LAMBETH,
Old Gilwyns, Chiddingstone,
Edenbridge, Kent.
June 3.

From Mrs M. J. Lewis

Sir, Our ex-Chancellor was advised by the Treasury and the Bank of England. He was sacked. What happens to the advisers?

Yours faithfully,
MARIE LEWIS,
Glasfryn, 28 Mayfair,
Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon.
May 28.

From Mrs Elaine Matthews

Sir, Does it really matter what Mrs Gillian Clarke, or her husband for that matter, wears ("Patchwork provincial shares limelight with cocktail set", report, May 29)? I, for one, only hope that *his* mind is on much more important matters.

Yours faithfully,
ELAINE MATTHEWS,
69 South Lane,
New Malden, Surrey.
May 29.

From Mr J. D. Hart

Sir, Not much of a reshuffle, merely "Redwood joins dead wood".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HART,
Hill House, Marlesford,
Wickham Market, Suffolk.
May 28.

Relative values

From the Reverend K. I. Hobbs

Sir, I may be accused of a lack of sympathy regarding the plight of the Lloyd's names, but why is the offer to a person who accepts debt rescheduling of a house and £14,000 per annum (report, June 2) regarded as a meagre settlement?

Indeed, is it too late to join the queue? I know of a number of others who would be delighted with the annual allowance alone.

Yours faithfully,
K. I. HOBBS,
The Vicarage, Barnston,
Wirral, Merseyside.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, this evening attended a Grand Gala Concert to mark the opening of the extension of the Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead, the Royal County of Berkshire.
Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 5: The Prince Edward this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, for Amman, Jordon, to chair a Meeting of the International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association.
Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK
June 5: Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant, this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service in St Clement Danes Church, followed by a Reception at the Royal Courts of Justice, London WC2.
The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 6: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Patron and Twelfth Man, the Lord's Taverners, this afternoon attended a Charity Cricket Match, the Home Park, Windsor.
By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and Mrs Lacalle and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Lacalle on behalf of Her Majesty.
The Viscount Boyne was also present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The President of the United Arab Emirates and bade farewell to His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 6: The Duke of York, Patron, the Badminton Association of England, this afternoon presented the prizes at the finals of the Badminton World Championships, National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, and was received by Mr David Burbidge (Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands).
Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, will attend the anniversary dinner for Younger Bretheren at Trinity House at 7.45.

The Prince of Wales will open the English Nature's national nature reserve at Ingleborough at 2.10; and will attend the Saudi-British Society 1993 annual dinner at the Café Royal at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will visit Carnbooth School, Carmunnock, Glasgow, at 10.50; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 16 Princes Square, East Kilbride, at 11.40; will visit the Rosemount project at 331 Charles Street, Royston, at 12.30; and will attend the Glasgow launch of Children in Scotland at the City Chambers at 1.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Commissioner of English Heritage, will open the conservation training centre at Fort Brockhurst, Gosport, at 11.05.

The Duke of Kent will visit John Hampden Grammar School, Marlow Hill, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, at 10.00; and the Evreham Youth Centre, Evreham School Site, Swallow Street, Iver, at 3.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception to commemorate International Multiple Sclerosis Year at 11 Downing Street at 7.00.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
COMMANDER: D M Craig - Daedalus 15.10.93; H R Evans - MOD London 07.09.93; D M Forbes - CINNAVHOME 07.01.94; R W Hamilton - CINCNAVHOME 23.11.93; J R Ling - Sultan 19.11.93; D M H Lingard - SA Ankara 03.07.93; R J Marsergh - Staff of FOSM Northwood 05.11.93; G Webster - Renown (Port) in Cmd 07.12.93

Retirements
CAPTAIN: J N McGrath - 30.06.93
COMMANDER: J E Dykes - 24.07.93; C O'Keefe - 16.08.93; E R Robinson - 16.08.93
CHAPLAIN: C Jarman - 15.08.93

The Army
BRIGADIER: A A J R Cumming - to HQ UKLF 7.6.93
COLONELS: G Kerr - To ORD BD, 7.6.93; R I Talbot - To HQ DRAC, 11.6.93; R A Field-Smith - To be Comd ETS HQ BAOR, 10.6.93
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: M J T Newetson AAC - To RMCS, 7.6.93; R M R Hunt RE - To MOD, 7.6.93; J D M Ingram R SIGNALS - To MOD, 7.6.93; S G Kirkham RRF - To RMAS, 7.6.93; T J Minter RRF - To be CO IRRF, 7.6.93; R E Preedy RA - To MOD, 7.6.93; R Say AGC (SPS) - To MSAGC MRO, 7.6.93; R P Russel PWRR - To be CO 5 PWRR, 10.6.93; J S Clements RADC - To 11 Dent Gp

Nature notes

Yellowhammers are foraging in the bright green barley: they have their nests low in the hedges, and their eggs are covered with fine markings like handwriting. Chaffinches are feeding their young: they whistle with their beaks full of flies as they are waiting to go down to the nest. The scratchy song of the whitethroat is heard more rarely along the lanes, as the male helps its mate feed the nestlings: they warn them of danger with a hard, jeering call. Young wrens follow their parents through the bushes: they already have the cocked tail and the characteristic churring notes of the adults.

Early marsh orchids are out: they have a sturdy head of pink flowers. Cow parsley is fading, the leaves turning purple, and wild

The whitethroat

hops are beginning to climb the stalks. The coarser hogweed is taking its place on the roadsides. In shady places, the yellow herb bennet often grows with the pink herb robert. Cinnabar moths are now very common: they lay their eggs on ragwort, where the black and orange caterpillars will be feeding next month.

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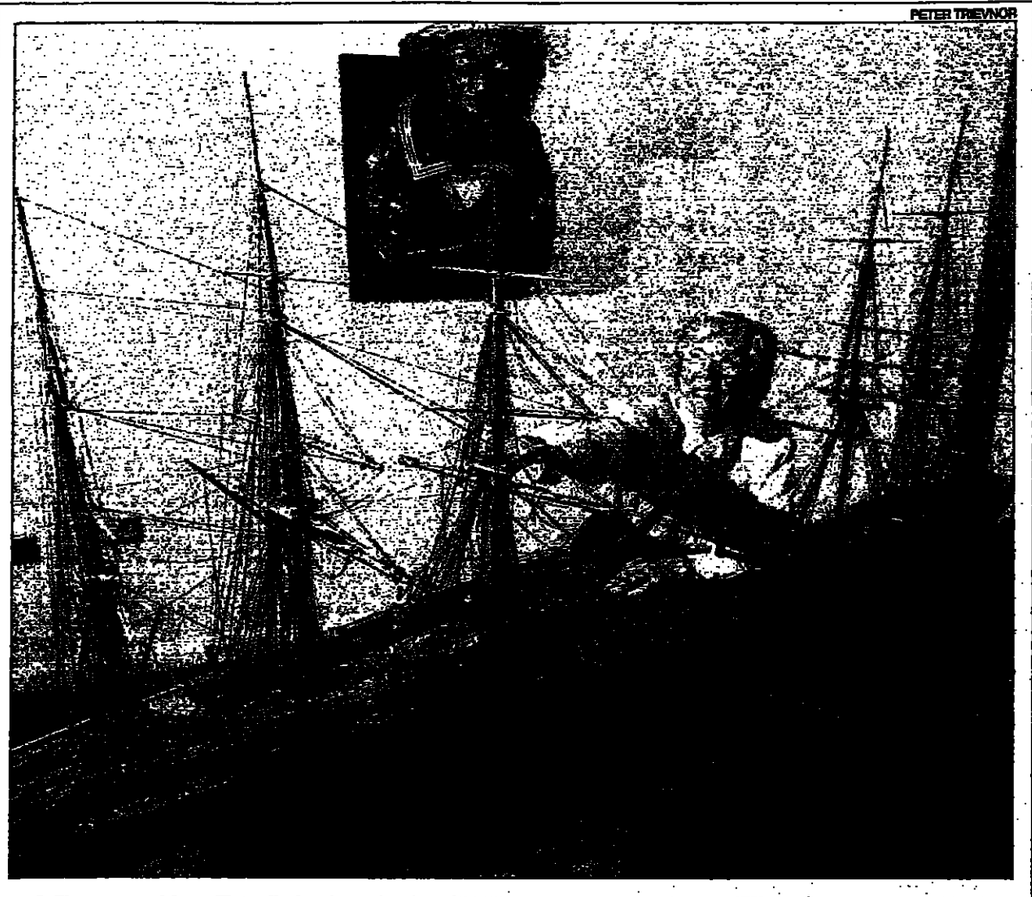

Sailing away: Mary Hatwell, head curator at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, southeast London, with two of the museum's 120 ship models from its permanent collection of 3,000 which it is selling to raise new purchase funds. Estimates range from £50 to £2,000 for the auction at Sotheby's in London on July 16 (John Shaw writes). Mrs Hatwell said: "We are only getting rid of things which drag the collection down, are duplicates, are irrelevant or not historically accurate. In other words they are not of museum quality."

Virginia McKenna, the actress, is 62 today

Birthdays today

Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, 52; Mr Derek Barron, former chairman and chief executive, Ford Motor Company, 64; the Right Rev Michael Baughen, Bishop of Chester, 63; Sir Wilfred Cockcroft, educationist, 70; Mr David Coleridge, former chairman, Lloyd's, 61; Sir Murray Fox, former Lord Mayor of London, 81; Mr Martyn Goff, former chief executive, Book Trust, 70; Mr James Ivory, film director, 65; Mr P.G.E.F. Jones, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 68; Mr Tom Jones, singer, 53; Lord Luke, 88; the Earl of Lytton, 43; Sir Eric McDowell, chartered accountant, 68; Mr Dean Martin, singer and actor, 75; Mr Thomas Arfon Owen, former director, Welsh Arts Council, 60; Mrs Jean Parker, former chairman, North Lincolnshire Health Authority, 61; Mr Michael Pennington, actor and writer, 50; Mr Ronald Pickup, actor, 53; Prince, rock singer, 35; Mr Neal Radford, cricketer, 36; Mr Jim Rose, former chairman, Penguin Books, 84; the Very Rev John A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, 60; Professor William Stewart, Chief Scientific Adviser, Cabinet Office, and Head of the Office of Science and Technology, 58; the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, 36; Miss Jessica Tandy, actress, 84; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, 52; Mr John Turner, QC, Canadian politician, 64.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Rennie, civil engineer, East Linton, Lothian, 1761; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, Prime Minister 1812-27, London, 1770; George (Beau) Brummell, dandy, London, 1778; William Daniel Conybeare, geologist, London, 1787; Sir James Young Simpson, obstetrician, pioneer of anaesthetics, Bathgate, Lothian, 1811; R.D. Blackmore, novelist, Longworth, Berkshire, 1825; Paul Gauguin, painter, Paris, 1848; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, Glasgow, 1868; Sir Landon Ronald, conductor and composer, London, 1873; J.B. Morton (Beachcomber), satirist and historian, Tooting, 1893; Imre Nagy, Premier of Hungary 1953-55 and 1956, Kaposvar, 1895; Elizabeth Bowen, novelist, Co Cork, 1899; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Milan, 1910.
DEATHS: Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland 1306-29, Cardoss, 1329; Johann Friedrich Hölderlin, poet, Tübingen, Germany, 1843; Jean Harlow, film actress, Los Angeles, 1937; Dorothy Parker, writer, New York, 1967; E.M. Forster, novelist and critic, Coventry, 1970; Philip Guston, American painter, 1980; Philip Guston, painter, 1980; Henry Miller, American writer, Pacific Palisades, California, 1980.
Sir Thomas Gresham laid the foundation stone of the first Royal Exchange, London, 1566.
The first sitting of the Northern Ireland Parliament, 1921.
The Vatican City was established, Rome, 1929.

Appointment

Revenue Adjudicator's Office
Ms Elizabeth Filkin has been appointed to be the Revenue Adjudicator.

Service dinner

269 Squadron RAF Association
Group Captain H.H. Eccles, President of the 269 Squadron RAF Association, presided at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the RAF Club.

Funeral service

Robin Adam
The Funeral Service for Robin Adam took place on Thursday, June 3, 1993 at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev Neville Thomas (Rector of Stratfield Saye) officiated, assisted by the Rev W. Alexander Cairns. The readings were by Captain John Hassard-Short, RN, and Mr Edward Worting, cousin. Sir David Steel gave an address. Among others present were:
Mrs Marion Adam (widow), Mr and Mrs Euan Hornett, Lieutenant Commander Guy Hornett, Dr Robert Baldock, Mr John Baldock and Mr Rex Baldock (cousins), the Right Hon the Earl of Airlie (chairman, General Accident), Mr Dennis Armstrong, the Right Hon the Lord Ashburton (chairman, British Petroleum), Mr Steve Ahearne, Professor Sir James Ball (LASMO), Mr Richard Bateman, Sir Christopher Benson (chairman, MEPC), Mr Mark Bentley, the Right Hon the Lord Boardman, Mr and Mrs Paul Bowman, Mrs Barbara Brisley, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Sir Anthony Cleaver (General Accident), Mr Norman Davidson Kelly (representing the Right Hon the Lord Rees, chairman, LASMO), Lady Dean, Sir Eric Drake, Mrs Maureen Dufficy, Mr and Mrs Terry Easton, Mr Gordon Forsyth, Sir Campbell Fraser, Mr and Mrs Patrick Gillam, Mrs Judy Gould, Mr Maurice Gould, Mr Bill Grassick, Mr Richard Grayson, Mr Alan Gregory, Mrs John Hassard-Short, Mr and Mrs Ken Henshaw, Mr and Mrs Stanley Honeyman, Mr and Mrs Robert Horton, Mr and Mrs Anthony Lacey, Sir Christopher and Lady Laidlaw, Mrs Valerie Lawrence, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Deryck Macdonald, Mr Roddy and the Hon Mrs Sarah Maclean, Mr John and Lady Sylvia Maltby, Mr and Mrs Alastair Manson, Miss Lucy Manson, Mr William Manson, Sir Gordon Manzie (Motherwell Bridge Holdings Ltd), Mr Keith Owen, Mr Malcolm Phillips (Motherwell Bridge Holdings Ltd), Mr Gordon Pirie, Mr and Mrs Jim Porter, Mr Eric Price, Mr and Mrs Alan Ravenscroft, Miss Ann Ross, Mr Nelson Robertson (General Accident), Mr Geoffrey Rose, Mrs Muriel Scott, Mr and Mrs David Simon (British Petroleum), Mrs Sally Spence, Lady Steel, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Stockwell, Brigadier and Mrs John Sutton, Mr WBA Tanner (Motherwell Bridge), Mr and Mrs David Walker, Mr and Mrs Arthur Walker, Sir Peter Walters, Commander and Mrs Eric Ward, Mr Hector Watts, Mr and Mrs Harry Wilkerson, Mr Brian Willis and Mr Sandy Young.

Memorial services

Charles Stuart
A memorial service for Charles Stuart, a former member of British Airways Executive Board and Chairman and Chief Executive of Brymon Airways 1983 - 1991, will take place at the RAF Church, St Clement Danes, The Strand, London WC2, on Tuesday, June 29 at 11.00. All are welcome.

Mr Harold Soref
A memorial service for Mr Harold Soref was held yesterday at the Westminster Synagogue, Rutland Gardens. Rabbi Dr Albert H. Friedlander officiated and Mr Enoch Powell gave an address.

Service luncheon

Federation of OCAs of the London Territorial and Auxiliary Units
Rear Admiral R F Cobbold, deputy chief of the Defence Staff, Royal Navy, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Federation of Old Comrades Associations of the London Territorial and Auxiliary Units in Armoury House, Finsbury, yesterday following the annual parade and drumhead service of thanksgiving. Colonel and Alderman Sir Greville Spratt, Federation president, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

M R. Alexis and Miss R.I. Barry
The engagement is announced between Rodolphe, son of M and Mme Serge Alexis, of Lyon, France, and Liza, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Brian Barry, of Whiteparish, Wiltshire.

Captain P.P. Colquhoun and Miss S.J. Owen
The engagement is announced between Philip Peter Colquhoun, Royal Engineers, youngest son of Mr James Colquhoun, of Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, and Mrs Paul Bowerman, of Pewsey, Wiltshire, and Sophie Jane, younger daughter of Mr Philip L.W. Owen, QC, of Llanbrynmair, Powys, and Mrs Jane Kelsey, of Llandygwydd, Cenarth, Cardiganshire.

Mr R.J. Dumas and Miss M. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Colonel and Mrs Jeremy Dumas, currently resident in Damascus, Syria, and Matilda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Campbell, of Braidwood, Australia.

Mr M.W. Flood and Miss H.J.C. Grant
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Dr William Flood, of Dublin, Ireland, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Grant, of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Mr A.C. Gray and Miss V.G. Keown-Boyd
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Major and Mrs Alexander Gray, of Souldern, Oxfordshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Keown-Boyd, of Pontrilas, Herefordshire.

Mr R.P.L. Oliver and Miss L.A.M. Gooding
The engagement is announced between Ryan, only son of Mr and Mrs E.G.J. Oliver, of Lower Basildon, Berkshire, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr P.J. Gooding and the late Mrs M.R.P.G. Gooding, and stepdaughter of Mrs P.J. Gooding, of Sarratt, Hertfordshire.

Colonel C.R. Watt and Miss S.D. Baggs
The engagement is announced between Redmond, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Richard Watt, of Hurst, Berkshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Baggs, of Pasadena, California.

Mr N.D.D. Williams and Miss A.V.D. Heseltine
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the late Mr Owain Williams and of Mrs Betty Williams, of Emsworth, Hampshire, and Alexandra, younger daughter of the Right Hon Michael and Mrs Heseltine, of Thenford House, Northamptonshire.

Marriages

Mr J.A. Brown and Miss E.D. Hitchcock
The marriage took place at St Cross, Winchester, on Saturday, June 5, of James Brown and Eloisa Hitchcock.

Mr M.M. Cresswell-Turner and Miss F. Millo
The marriage took place in Venice on Saturday, May 29, at the church of Santa Fosca, Torcello, between Miles Cresswell-Turner and Fusca Millo.
Mr Gavin Rankin was best man.
The reception was held at the Hotel Cipriani.

Schools news

Birkdale School, Sheffield
Sixth Form Scholarships
Major: Stephen Jennings, Birkdale.
Minor: Adam Cumeridge, Birkdale and Porter Croft.
Exhibition: Christopher Polick, Birkdale.
13+ Scholarships
Major: Neil Barua, Birkdale
Minor: Anthony Cooper, Birkdale and Sitwell, Rotherham; Mayank Seth, Westbourne Prep; Trisnam Cole, High Storrs.
11+ Scholarships
Major: Christopher Charlton, Birkdale.
Minor: Daniel Burbeary, Birkdale; Jonathan Priestley, Birkdale.
Exhibition: Ashley Cheung, Rudston, Rotherham.
Music Scholarships
Major: James Rees, Birkdale.
Exhibition: Edward Jackson, Birkdale and Westbourne Prep.

Hurstpierpoint College
Scholarship Awards
As a result of the recent Scholarship Examinations the following awards have been made:
Scholarships: P.C.H. Meier, S.E. Harvey (Hurstpierpoint College Junior School); A. Patel (St Christopher's House); Exhibitions: R.W. Atkins, R.I. McDougall (Hurstpierpoint College Junior School), A.I. Pikett (Great Ballard), C.M. Shaw (Westbourne House), A.C. Standeswick (Oakwood School); Music Scholarships: C.P. Chalmers (The Abbey School Tewkesbury), C.J.M. Dudley (St George's Windsor), A. Jamal (Boundary Oak), A.J. Burt (Hurstpierpoint College Junior School), D.A.R. Whitestone (Brighton College Junior School); Art Scholarship: A.M. Braid (Great Ballard); Arkwright Scholarship: I. Norfolk (Chichester High School for Boys).

King's College School, Wimbledon
The following elections have been made for September 1993:-
Major Scholars: Sujit Kapadia, Newland House; Mark Strange, Newland House; Modern Language Award; Peter Burgess, The Mall; Paul Hardington, King's College Junior School; Luis Saunders, Kingswood House; Justin Llandon, Rokeby; Classic Award.

Scholars: Thomas Watts, KCIS; Benjamin Essen, Rokeby; Richard Pilsworth, The Mall; Khesh Patel, KCIS; Rohan Gunatillake, KCIS; Edmund Lowe, Downsend.
Exhibitioners: Piers Horne, The Mall; David Crowley, Tately Manor; Jonathan Best, Rokeby; Richard Crawley, KCIS; Steven Dunk, KCIS; Zaeem Jamal, KCIS.
Music Scholar: William Coben, KCIS.
Music Exhibitioners: Jeremy Sandbrook, KCIS; Stuart Bennett, KCIS; Jonathan Robson, KCIS.
Junior School Scholars: Neil Patel, KCIS.

Merchant Taylors' School, Scholarships 1993
The following Scholarships have been awarded.
11+ Entrance Scholarships: D.N. Naumann, Bishop Winnington Ingram P.S.; N.R. Roth, Annett Hills; N. Shah, West Lodge; A.R. Waite, Bishop Winnington Ingram P.S.
15+ Major Scholarships: Gilbert Murray; V.M.J. Campbell, Orley Farm; Morley; J.R.G. Dunmur, St Martin's; Andrew; B.B. Gullan, Northwood Preparatory; Lord Hailey; E.B. Herman, St Martin's; Sir James Jeans; C.A. Sumers, York House. Major; Yoshikawa D, York House.
13+ Minor Scholarships: S.H. Alibhai, St John's; O.H. Bulman, York House; M.L. Dhosi, Malya Scholarship, St Martin's; R. Finer, Northwood Preparatory; A.K. Ismail, York House; A. Roy, Alpha; M.D. Townend, York House.
Music Scholarships: J.R. Kwan, Quainton Hall; G.D. Price, Orley Farm; M.R. Roth, Annett Hills.
Music Exhibitioners: V.M.R. Campbell, Orley Farm; R.S. Milestone, Orley Farm; J.M.C. Warren, St Martin's.
Sixth Form Entry Exhibition: F.Y. Khie, Atholl School.

Norland Place Preparatory School
Miss Marion Morris will be retiring in July after 32 years unbroken service as Head of the Infant Department at Norland Place School. Former pupils and parents wishing to be associated with a presentation to her should send their contributions to: The Bursar, Norland Place School, 162-166 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 4UH.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Stuart Astley, Rector, Stretham w Little Thetford to be Priest-in-Charge, Brinkley w Burrough Green, Cadnon and Westley Waterless and Dullingham w Stechworth (Ely)
The Rev Philip Bennison, Vicar, Holy Sepulchre, Ashington (Newcastle); to be Chaplain, North Tees Hospital, Stockton on Tees (Durham)
The Rev David Cant, Curate, North Shields Team Ministry; to be Team Vicar, North Shields Team Ministry w responsibility for St Augustine's (Newcastle)
The Rev Huw Davies, Curate, Moreton (Chester); to be Vicar, St Paul's Weston super Mare (Bath and Wells)
The Rev Michael Evans, Assistant Curate, St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nottingham; to be Priest-in-Charge, St Thomas, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (Southwell)
The Rev Trevor Farmiloe, Rector, Norton St Philip w Hemington and Hardington and Laverton, and Rural Dean of Frome; to be Vicar, Martock and Ash (Bath and Wells)
The Rev Gerald Gould, Vicar, St Michael Caerhays (Truro); to be Priest-in-Charge, Crook Peak (Bath and Wells)

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BIRTHS

FOLLOWS - On June 4th 1993 at the Wellington Hospital, London, Deborah (née Thomson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Eleanor, a sister for Joseph.
HORNER - On 19th May to Lucy (née Glover) wife of John, a son, Simon John, a brother for Christopher, James and Emma.
KEEN - On May 13th 1993, to Tamsyn and Christopher, a daughter, Eleanor Louise, a sister for Thomas.
McGAHAN - On May 28th 1993 at East Surrey Hospital, to Catherine (née Infirdel) and Paul, a son, Luke Jordan Paul.
WALLACE - On 2nd June 1993 at Pembury Hospital (Tunbridge Wells), to Susie (née Black) and John, a daughter, Freya Nancy Lamond, a sister for Helena.

DEATHS

ARMES - Philip. Beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather, at home, on 4th June. Cremation Tuesday 8th June 12.15, at Worth for family and friends, and afterwards at Howard Lodge. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to St Catherine's Hospice, c/o Frank Davey & Co, 51 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.
ARTHINGTON-DAVY - On 29th May 1993 at Auckland, New Zealand, Humphrey Augustus LVO, OBE, late of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service and British High Commissioner to the Kingdom of Tonga 1973 to 1980. Service of interment in the Davy Family Grave at Lansdown Cemetery, Bath, to be held at a later date.

DEATHS

BOYDELL - On 3rd June, Audrey Violet Evelyn, our dearly loved and respected mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. Her strength and kindness will be missed by all who knew her. Cremation at Putney Vale 3pm, Wednesday 9th June. Family flowers only; donations if desired to: London appeal, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 16/19 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ, or Woodland Trust, Autumn Park, Dysand Road, Grantham NG31 6LL.
GOLDEN - Grace (Artist), on 3rd June 1993, peacefully in hospital, aged 89 years. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, 2.45 pm Thursday 10th June. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, NW3 2PN or donations to Artists General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 6OD.
HENLEY - On 4th June 1993 at The Bath Clinic, Colonel Michael George Howard Henley C.B.E., late King's Regiment, aged 83 years. Beloved husband of Ginny, adored father of Serena, Pippa and Harriet. Funeral service at Lower Swagy Church, Thursday 10th June at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to World Wide Fund for Nature, Panda House, Weyside Park, Catteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1XR.
HUGHES - suddenly on May 25rd 1993, in Greifswald, Germany, Doctor Michael Hughes, Son of Connie, loved husband of Yvonne and proud father of Mark. A historian who will be sadly missed by all his friends and students. Memorial Service and funeral at La Sainte Union Chapel, LSU College, Southampton, on Friday June 11th at 12.00 noon. All friends welcome. Instead of flowers, please send donations to Amnesty International, or of course,

DEATHS

LANG - On 2nd June, John Russell Lang CBE of Crawford Court, Tetbury, Gloucestershire and formerly of the White House of Millhem, Brookfield, Rentrewshire. Very dearly loved husband of Kay and father of Diana, Patricia and Jennifer. Service of Thanksgiving at Leighterton Parish Church at 3.30 pm, Friday 11th June. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Tetbury Hospital, Gloucestershire.

LOFTUS - On June 1st 1993, peacefully at home, Ellesa aged 100, wife of the late P.C. Loftus and the late General R.T.G. Elkington. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street SW1 on Wednesday 9th June at 1.30 pm, followed by Burial at Cookham Cemetary, Long Lane, Cookham, Berks at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries Kenyans on 071-834 4624

NORMAN - On May 30th, in St Faith's Nursing Home, Cheltenham, Margaret, aged 83, sister of the late John, Betty and Richard. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium, on Monday June 7th at 2.00 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to R.N.L.I. c/o Selim Smith & Co, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

PORTWAY - On June 4th, peacefully at home, Hebe (née Cox) aged 85, much loved wife of Ronald and mother of Nicolas, Cremation at Ipswich Crematorium, 1.45pm

DEATHS

SEAGRIM - On May 29th 1993, peacefully in Norwich, Lt. Col. John Halsted aged 85 years, late Indian Army. Dearly loved husband of Camilla and beloved father of David, Michael and Derek and daughters-in-law Catherine and Marie Antoinette. Adored grandfather of Arno, James and Charles. Memorial Service and committal at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, Berkshire, on Saturday June 12th at 4 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu for Whitsonsett Church Restoration Appeal may be sent c/o W.H. Easterling, Braytbrook Road, Wargrave, tel: (0734) 402301.

STEWART - On 4th June 1993, aged 78, Dugald Stewart of Invernahyle. Loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral 11.30am on Friday 11th June at St Mary's Church, Standon, near Ware, Herts. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research, Lincoln's Inn Field, WC2.

STUTTER - Malcolm Roger, Instructor Lieutenant Commander, Royal Navy (retired), on June 2nd at Mount Maunganui, New Zealand. Husband of Mary, father of Alison and Angus, grandfather of Ben, missed by Helen and Steve.

THOMPSON - On June 4th 1993, peacefully at home in Jersey, Barbara Lucy Thompson, widow of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Pelle Thompson, Bt. Funeral service on Thursday June 10th 1993 at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity, Jersey. Followed by private family cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Jersey Hospice Care, Clarkson House, Grouville,

DEATHS

WATSHAM - John, of Lerryn, Cornwall, on June 3rd, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Penelope, father of Robert and Peter and grandfather of six. Funeral Service at St Veep Church on June 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Macmillan Fund c/o G.N. Thomas, West End, Bodmin, Cornwall.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEALIM - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Christopher John Malim CBE will be held at Wellington College Chapel on 26th June 12 noon.
ROTHERMERE - Mary, Viscountess Rothermere. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Wednesday 9th June at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HUMPHRYS - Jane Elizabeth remembering with much love our only daughter who died 7th June 1978. Mummy
SWAIN - Sidney. Remembering you every day with love, Trish.
WELBRAHAM - Jonathan. Infinitely loved, continually missed, and never more so than on this, his 28th birthday. Mummy, Daddy, Emma and Shugs.

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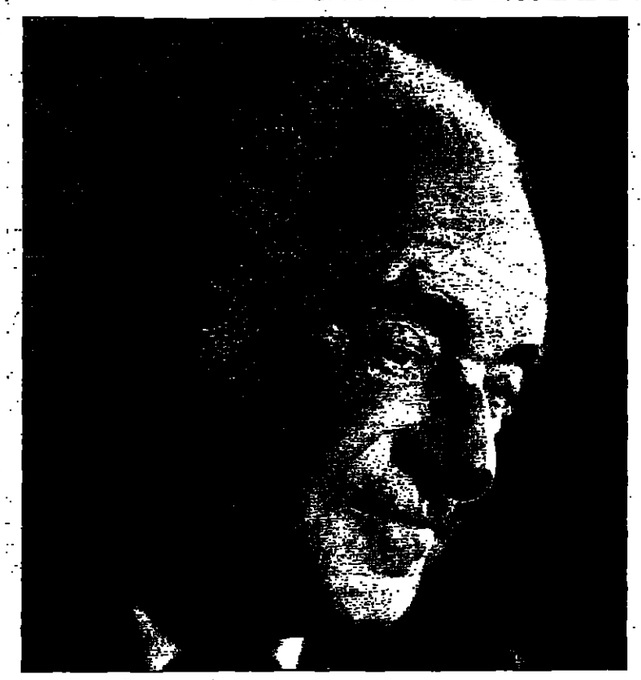
LORD STRAUSS

Lord Strauss of Vauxhall, Minister of Supply in the postwar Labour government, died on June 5 aged 91. He was born on July 18, 1901.



ALTHOUGH he was created a life peer 14 years ago, George Strauss was essentially a House of Commons man. He sat in it for a total of 47 years and, despite having his service interrupted, ended up during his last five years as Father of the House. In truth, though, his career in the front-rank of politics effectively ended with the fall of the Attlee government in 1951. After that, he may occasionally have exerted influence — not least as chairman of the Committee of Privileges (with which he himself earlier on had had a protracted tangle) — but he never exercised power again.

The morning of his political life had been golden. Strauss was one of the select group of young Labour MPs who entered Parliament for the first time in the vintage year of 1929. From the start he attracted attention. A rich man and the son of a former Conservative MP (who himself subsequently turned to the Labour party) he had been concerned about the lot of the poor from his early manhood. He was drawn to socialism and, at the age of 27, was elected Labour MP for North Lambeth. Except for an interval between 1931 and 1934 he continued to be MP for North Lambeth, and later for the Vauxhall Division of Lambeth, throughout his Commons career. Initially, Strauss held advanced left-wing views which brought him into conflict with the official leadership in the prewar period. In 1939, together with Sir Stafford Cripps and Aneurin Bevan, he was expelled from the party for advocating a Popular Front to fight Nazism and Fascism.

The outbreak of the second world war put an end to these quarrels and the rebels were, one by one, readmitted to the fold. Strauss combined marked ability with an engaging personality and when Clement Attlee formed his government after the 1945 general election he was given his first ministerial post as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport (he had served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Herbert Morrison in the same department from 1929 to 1931). He took a leading part in the debates on the Bill that brought about the nationalisation of rail and road transport and won a high parliamentary reputation. In 1947, in one of Attlee's frequent reshuffles, he was promoted to be Minister of Supply, an office (without a seat in the cabinet) that he held for four years until the Labour government fell in 1951. On taking up his one and only full ministerial post, Strauss was sworn of the Privy Council.

The years 1947 to 1951 witnessed the full flowering of Strauss's political talents. He successfully piloted through the Commons the Labour government's Bill to nationalise the iron and steel industry and was the central figure in the most intense political controversy of the time (with the Bill only eventually getting onto the statute book after a delay imposed by the House of Lords). He had no doubts about the merits of the policy and stated his views persuasively. Apart from his work at Westminster, Strauss had given distinguished service as a member of the London County Council for 22 years. As chairman of the old LCC's Highways Committee he had much to do, under the guiding hand of his former mentor, Herbert Morrison, with the planning and building of the new Waterloo Bridge.

George Russell Strauss was the son of Arthur Strauss, a wealthy London metal merchant who, before joining the Labour party and fighting the 1918 general election on its behalf, had been Conservative MP successively for the Camborne division of Cornwall and for North Paddington. After going to school at Rugby — to his regret he never went to university — the young Strauss joined the family's metal-broking firm in the City (his elder brother had been killed in the first world war). His father's death in 1920 left him comfortably placed financially and, while not deserting his father's business until he was appointed to government office in 1945, he was able to devote himself increasingly to political affairs.

Strauss was elected to the LCC, first as representative for North Lambeth, in 1925 and held this seat for six years. Thus began his life-long association with one of the poorest districts of London. From the elegant family home in Kensington Palace Gardens, which he had inherited from his father, Strauss rooted himself politically in dingy Lambeth, south of the river, and gave himself unsparingly to the service of its people. At the age of 23 he had stood as Labour candidate for North Lambeth in the general election of 1924, losing to a Liberal by only 29 votes. In 1929, when he was 28, he contested North Lambeth again and this time was elected. He lost the seat in 1931 but won it back at a by-election in 1934 and continued to represent North Lambeth until 1950, when the constituency disappeared in a readjustment of electoral boundaries. Strauss was then elected MP for the new Vauxhall division of Lambeth and represented that constituency until his retirement from the Commons in 1979.

When Strauss was expelled from the Labour party early in 1939 it was because he had been prominently associated with Stafford Cripps and Aneurin Bevan in their "Unity Campaign" seeking to promote an alliance of anti-government parties, ranging from the Liberals to the Communists. This brought down upon the trio the wrath of the official Labour leadership and expulsion followed. When Bevan recanted and was re-admitted to the party Strauss at first persisted in his views; but two months later, early in 1940, he also gave written assurances about his future conduct and was taken back. He was for a time associated with the left-wing weekly *Tribune* and shared responsibility for both editing it and funding it. This brought him very close to Cripps (who had not yet returned to the party fold) and during the war years he was his Parliamentary Private Secretary, first when Cripps was Lord Privy Seal and later when he was Minister of Aircraft Production.

In 1957 Strauss became involved in a controversy which raised a new and important question concerning parliamentary privilege. He wrote a letter to the Paymaster-General (Reginald Maudling) saying that, from information he had received, the London Electricity Board appeared to be disposing of scrap cable by a method which did not realise the best price available. He suggested an urgent investigation. The minister brought the matter to the attention of the chairman of the board and the latter — after Strauss had refused to withdraw his allegations — threatened him with a writ for libel. Strauss raised the matter in the Commons and claimed that a letter from an MP to a minister concerning a public board should be covered by parliamentary privilege.

The Committee of Privileges decided that the threat to institute libel proceedings was a breach of privilege, for the reason that the writing of the letter constituted "a proceeding in Parliament". The decision was not unanimous. Certain legal aspects of the matter were referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. A further report from the Committee of Privileges recommended that, since this was the first case of its kind, no further action should be taken. When the House was asked to approve the findings and the recommendation of the Committee of Privileges there was strong support for the dissenting view that a letter of the kind written by Strauss to a minister was not "a proceeding in Parliament". The government motion asking the House to approve the reports of the Privileges Committee was defeated by five votes. A motion was then passed declaring that the Strauss letter was not "a proceeding in Parliament" and that letters from the chairman of the London Electricity Board and the board's solicitors constituted no breach of privilege. None the less the threatened libel action against Strauss was not proceeded with. This case occupied the attention of the House intermittently for more than a year and excited constitutional lawyers.

In many ways a more interesting controversy was that in which Strauss got involved with Richard Crossman in the 1960s. The issue here was whether the British decision to manufacture an A-bomb had ever been discussed, let alone approved, by the cabinet. Crossman, as part of his thesis that Britain now had prime ministerial government, asserted that it had not — but the general view of those who followed the long (and at times angry) correspondence between them in the columns of the *New Statesman* was that Strauss had the better of the engagement. This was not altogether surprising: as Minister of Supply he had been a member of the cabinet sub-committee that took the decision.

By now the former left-wing rebel had become something of an Establishment pillar and it may have been this, in addition to his age (he was 63 when Labour won the 1964 election), that dissuaded Harold Wilson from offering him any post when he formed his first government. If there was any disappointment, Strauss certainly concealed it very well. Although he had never been a member of Wilson's Opposition front-bench team, as the MP who eventually was to introduce the Bill abolishing theatre censorship in 1968, he had a plausible claim to to have some role in the administration of the arts. It was probably his misfortune that the job of Arts Minister had long been marked down for the widow of his old left-wing associate, Aneurin Bevan. Jennie Lee was duly appointed and Strauss, by now firmly on the right wing of the party, was left to become a genial figure, if as the years went by an increasingly ghostly presence, on the Labour back benches. By the time he got to the House of Lords in 1979, he was already 77 years old and he played predictably little part in its deliberations.

Strauss was twice married. In 1932 he married Patricia Frances O'Flynn, who fully shared her husband's political and cultural interests and became well-known as a member of the LCC. They had two sons and one daughter. She died in 1987. In the same year, at the age of 86, he married Benita Armstrong, his life-long companion and a talented sculptress who has exhibited many times at the Royal Academy. She and his five children survive him.

CONWAY TWITTY

Conway Twitty, rock and roll idol of the 1950s and country and western singer, died from complications arising from surgery in Missouri on June 5 aged 59. He was born at Friars Point, Mississippi, on September 1, 1933.

CONWAY TWITTY had been driving a tractor on his father-in-law's farm in Mississippi only a short while before "It's Only Make Believe" went to number one in the music charts in 1958. Several weeks after the single's release a small radio station in Ohio called to tell the incredulous Twitty the good news. The record, on which Twitty did a passable imitation of Elvis Presley, went on to sell eight million copies and to reach number one in 22 countries, including Britain, where it stayed at the top for five weeks.

Twitty, however, made very little money from his initial success: "By the time everyone had taken their cut, there wasn't much left for me." He made up for this commercial oversight in later years by becoming one of Nashville's richest performers, with his own theme park, Twitty City.

Conway Twitty was born as Harold Jenkins, the son of a river-boat pilot, and was taught his first guitar chords at the age of four by his father. Although he excelled at baseball — he was offered a contract to play with the Philadelphia Phillies as a young man — his heart was always in music. Early influences included the country music radio show "Grand Ole Opry" and the local gospel church choir. By the age of ten Twitty had his own country band but it was not until his national service that he heard Elvis Presley sing for the first time. "It knocked me out," he said.

It was Twitty's ability to sound like Presley that was to kick-start his career, although he was no overnight success. His first group, the Rockhousers, were formed in Helena, Arkansas, in 1947 as the Phillips County Ramblers, and were then strictly country performers. But by the early 1950s Twitty was writing songs for Sun Record's new stable of rock and roll singers — Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash — and in 1957 released some Presley-sounding singles under Mercury. "I Need Your Lovin'" was a minor hit.

Twitty was taken under the wing of Don Seat, an astute manager who believed in catchy names (other discoveries of his included "Somethin' Smith and the Redheads") and persuaded that a stage name might be appropriate. Twitty hit upon his new title by studying a map of the United States and discovering a small town called Twitty in Texas and another called Conway in Arkansas.

The new name seemed to work, and the next year Twitty had his hit with "It's Only Make Believe", and followed it up with other beat ballads including a rock and roll version of Nat King Cole's "Mona Lisa" (1959). Although not conventionally handsome, Twitty had chubby good looks and a busy publicity team which turned him into one of the teenage idols of his day. He starred in several college-kid films: *Platinum High School*, *Sexpot Goes to College* and *College Confidential*.

Twitty continued in rock and roll, with waning success, until the mid 1960s. Then at the age of 32, with his career apparently over, he decided to change to country and western, which was, he claimed, what he had really wanted to sing all along and signed up with Decca.

His hard-bitten songs on love and marriage, sung in a pleading and mournful voice, turned out to be exactly what the loyal country fans wanted. Twitty notched up an impressive 52 number one hits in the country and western music charts and became a multi-millionaire in the process. In the early 1970s he teamed up with the "queen of country", Loretta Lynn, to turn out a batch of high-selling albums.

Twitty was an astute businessman whose only commercial failure was an early attempt at a fast-food restaurant: "Twittyburger eateries" closed within two years, after the special pineapple topping had failed to impress. He also owned a travel agency, his own music publishing business — Twittybird Publishing — and four baseball teams.

But his most successful business project was the launching in 1982 of Twitty City in Nashville. This was built around his colonial-style mansion, set in nine-and-a-half acres of landscaped pathways and boasted 750,000 visitors a year. Exhibits included Twitty's first car — the 1956 lime green Thunderbird which was used for the front cover of his *Mr T* album.

He also played a small part in pre-glasnost days to further East-West relations. In 1975 the curtain came down on the Soyuz-Apollo space spectacular (in which two teams of astronauts — American and Russian — met in space and shook hands) to the strains of Twitty singing "Hello Darling" in Russian. Apollo Commander Tom Stafford had asked Twitty to make the recording as a particular favour and Twitty had obliged with a crash course in Russian.

With his signature stetson, rhinestown jacket and shiny white cowboy boots, Twitty carried on doing around 200 shows a year and often came to Britain to top the bill at country music festivals. He never talked much on stage but was, as his manager put it "a song's best friend, because he could really sing".

He is survived by his third wife, Dee Henry, and by his four children.

IAN THOMAS

Ian Thomas, LVO, one of the Queen's dress designers, died following a heart operation on June 2 aged 64. He was born in Middle Barton, Oxfordshire, on September 24, 1928.

IAN THOMAS was one of a dwindling number of London designers who could afford to take very little notice of fashion. But his love of good quality fabrics and his keen sense of balance between line and colour were appreciated by a wide range of clients, and particularly by the Queen, who awarded him a Royal Warrant as a dressmaker in 1973.

Seldom have so many clothes been seen by millions worldwide with so little public awareness of their designer. But this suited the rather retiring countryman, whose own country house, garden and, particularly, horses were perhaps the greatest loves of his life outside his career.

Thomas, the son of a country builder, received his early training in fashion at the Oxford College of Art, being exempt from military service because of his weak heart. In 1952 he approached Norman Hartnell, then at the height of his fame and creative activity. Thomas loved to recount how he left his drawings at the door and returned to Oxfordshire, only to be summoned by telegram for an interview.

Thomas worked, holidayed and socialised with Hartnell as his personal assistant from 1953, the year of the Coronation, until 1970. An early task was to draw out the designs for the motifs of the Queen's Coronation dress — the design of the leek taxed the creative powers of all concerned.

The all-white collection of evening dresses suitable for peeresses to wear under their robes was a high-point of the seasonal collections. So were the important clothes worn by various ladies of the royal family, most notably for the Queen and the Queen Mother, but also including the masterpiece created by Hartnell for the wedding of Princess Margaret. Working behind the scenes, Thomas was involved in every aspect of the business in Bruton Street which then employed some five hundred people.

It was because he felt that he would never be allowed to emerge from behind the scenes that in 1969 he was encouraged to leave and begin his own business, opening in 1970 in Lowndes Place, Belgravia. For although he had produced some beautiful finished sketches of glorious clothes while with Hartnell, they were quite often signed with Hartnell's name: Hartnell even asked him to sign cheques for him, which Thomas refused to do, but he did the drawings for Hartnell's autobiography *Silver and Gold* (1955), reworking prewar dress designs by the master from photographs.

Hartnell was not happy about what he saw as Thomas's desertion and refused to speak to him for eight years. However, Thomas did not need to worry about patrons — only six months after he opened his business the Queen asked him to submit some designs.

While establishing himself, Thomas also did work for Hartnell's decorator, Norris Wakefield of Mann and Fleming in Mayfair, who was able to use Thomas's skills as a draughtsman. Thomas maintained a lively interest in interior decoration and house design, but in 1974 he was able to establish himself in his last premises in Motcomb Street, Belgravia, where the dark soft colours of the decoration set off the colours of clothes and hats with a jewel-like intensity.

It was here that he showed his last collections this spring. There were no alarming surprises and his clients would not have expected them. His most creative years had been spent with Hartnell and he now offered mature elegance best exemplified in the clothes worn by the Queen on the state visit to France last year, which were praised for their beauty. The Queen honoured Thomas with the LVO in June 1977.

Thomas's attention to detail was exceptional and he was the last designer to be able to produce any beautiful embroideries for his clothes in-house. Some of his designs for the Queen were seen at the Sovereign exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum last year.

He shared with the Queen a passion for horses which tended to dominate conversations between them whenever the two were together. He was also the proud owner of Manuscript, voted top of its class in the Horse of the Year Show in 1991. He never married.

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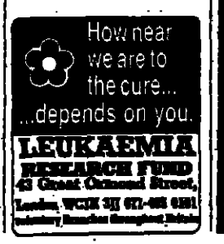

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The 28-strong Fresh Start group will put further pressure on the prime minister at the start of one of the most critical weeks of his leadership..... **Pages 1, 16, 17**

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The United Nations Security Council was meeting in emergency session last night after Somali gunmen killed at least 22 Pakistani blue berets in an uprising in Mogadishu. At least 23 Somalis also died ... **Pages 1, 11**

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The end of the longest British drought this century has been signalled by the return of underground water supplies to their normal levels — after five years. Rainfall was well above average in April and May in nearly all regions..... **Page 5**

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Labour leaders and John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, were locked in a bitter dispute over future links between the two wings of the movement. Edmonds has been accused of taking the heat off the Conservatives at a crucial time..... **Page 1**

Kohl jeered

Demonstrators in Berlin jostled and jeered Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, as tension between Germans and Turks continued to erupt into violence with street fighting and arson attacks..... **Page 13**

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The first three exit polls broadcast by Spanish television showed that the ruling Socialist party were slightly ahead of the conservative People's Popular party opposition in yesterday's elections..... **Page 1**

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Rolls-Royce is opening showrooms in Russia and China as sales in this country continue to fall — even though the recession in sales of new cars is acknowledged to be over..... **Page 7**

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Senior bankers in the City of London are arguing that plans for traffic restrictions to stop IRA bombers do not go far enough and that the government should consider a Belfast-style "ring of steel" around the whole area..... **Page 2**

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A joint South African armed force comprising units of the armed wing of the African National Congress, the army, the police, and black homeland security forces could be formed to keep the peace during the country's first all-race general election next year..... **Page 11**

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Engineers will today begin assessing how to stabilise a half-mile section of coastline at Scarborough, which collapsed and destroyede a £1 million hotel..... **Page 3**

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The dispute between Russia and Ukraine over nuclear weapons could be turning into a confrontation that could become an international crisis. Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, believes..... **Page 13**

Israeli army roulette kills three

■ Three Israeli soldiers have died in the past week playing a version of Russian roulette. The craze, called Yitzhik roulette after the inventor (a conscript who was badly injured), is reported to have swept the ranks and has been condemned in the Knesset. The defence committee chairman suggested that pressure of military life was the reason..... **Page 11**

Death swim: a police boat nears a grounded freighter carrying illegal Asian immigrants off New York. Six died after jumping ship. **Page 12**

Tennis: Sergi Bruguera of Spain ended Jim Courier's two-year reign as French Open champion yesterday when he beat the American over five sets..... **Page 22**

Cricket: England were set an unlikely target of 512 to beat Australia in the first Test of the Ashes series at Old Trafford. Captain Graham Gooch led from the front with 84 not out as England ended the fourth day on 133 for 2 in their second innings..... **Pages 21, 23**

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■ There are slaves in Britain. A nod and a wink from the government has allowed in a class of immigrants who are denied the rights of ordinary employment

Great place, great show

■ The Louvre celebrates its 200th anniversary with a spectacular new exhibition which proves that great museums can actually produce great art

Fair play in the courtroom

■ Conflicts that start on the sports field are increasingly being settled in court. Can the football administrators get their house in order?

Twenty-five years ago Manchester United became the first English club to win the European Cup. *Manchester Re-United* (BBC2, 6.30pm) talks to members of the team..... **Page 39**

Beyond Maastricht

Mr Major's tactical skills have seen him through the worst of the Maastricht battle. But he will need more than shrewd tactics to steer a post-Maastricht route taking Britain to the heart of Europe which does not finally tear the heart out of Tory unity. He has to be ahead of other European partners in the game..... **Page 17**

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In too many instances, the public is being deliberately deceived about the nature of the food it buys. In an age of growing sensitivity to health risks and environmental dangers, the argument that what consumers do not know will not hurt them is a plainly inadequate defence **Page 17**

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Britain's notorious tilt towards Europe has long had more than political consequences. As the east slowly slips beneath the waves, fields, houses, churches, even whole villages disappear into watery oblivion. Britain is leaning at about the same rate at the tower of Pisa — about four millimetres a year..... **Page 17**

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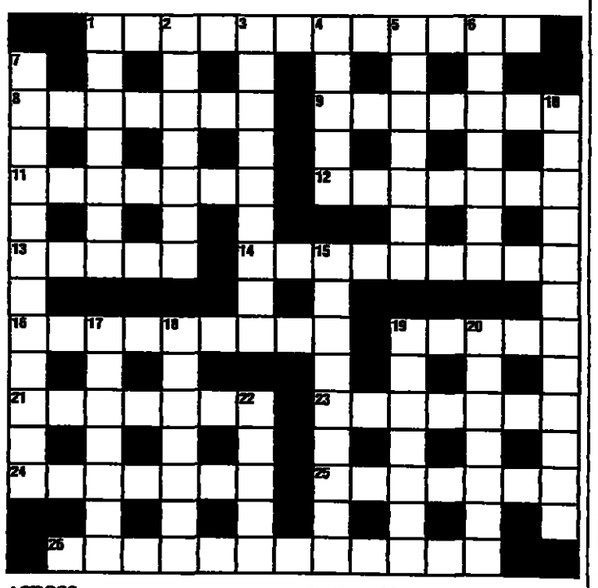

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Norway Kr	11.06	10.26
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England and Wales will be fine and dry with good amounts of sunshine. It will feel very warm inland but fresher near the coasts. Patches of sea fog may affect the coasts of Wales and southwest England. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry apart from drizzle on coasts and hills exposed to the southwesterly breeze. It will be cloudy with the best of any brightness in eastern Scotland. Outlook: sultry in the south, changeable in the north.

MIDDAY: f=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Majorca	28	82	f
Alcudia	25	77	s	Malaga	30	86	f
Alex'dria	25	77	c	Malta	27	81	s
Algiers	26	79	f	Melb'rne	13	55	d
Amst'dam	23	73	s	Miami*	28	73	t
Athens	29	84	s	Milan	28	84	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Montreal*	17	63	f
Bangkok	36	97	f	Moscow	18	61	c
Barbados*	31	88	s	Munich	25	77	s
Barcelna	25	77	f	Nairobi	23	73	c
Beirut	28	79	s	Naples	27	81	s
Belgrade	29	84	t	N Delhi	41	106	s
Berlin	25	77	f	N York*	18	64	c
Biarritz	17	63	r	Nice	27	81	s
Borde'x	26	79	c	Oslo	18	64	f
Brussels	24	75	s	Paris	25	77	s
Budapst	29	84	f	Peking	31	88	s
B Aires*	17	63	c	Perth (aus)	18	64	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	27	81	f
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Reykjavik	9	48	f
Chicago*	21	70	s	Rhodes	25	77	f
Ch'church	10	50	d	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	27	81	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phgn	18	64	f	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	29	84	s	Rome	25	77	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Salzburg	26	79	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	S F'disco*	17	63	f
Faro	28	66	c	Santiago*	18	64	s
Florence	31	88	f	S Paulo*	19	66	c
Frankfurt	28	82	s	Seoul	26	79	s
Funchal	21	70	f	Sing'por	29	84	t
Geneva	26	77	s	St'kholm	17	63	f
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	26	82	f
Helsinki	11	52	c	Sydney	17	63	f
Hong K	31	88	f	Tangier	21	70	c
Innsbruck	26	79	f	Tel Aviv	39	102	s
Istanbul	25	77	f	Tenerife	23	73	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	19	66	c
Jo'burg*	14	57	s	Toronto*	11	52	r
L Palmas	22	72	c	Tunis	24	75	s
La Toust	23	73	s	Valencia	24	75	s
Lisbon	23	73	s	Venice	27	81	s
Locarno	26	79	s	Vienna	28	82	s
L Angels*	16	61	c	Warsaw	26	79	f
Luxembg	25	77	f	Wash'ton*	24	75	c
Luxor	45	113	s	Wel'ton	13	55	c
Madrid	22	72	f	Zurich	26	79	s

* denotes figures are latest available

Saturday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.10in; highest sunshine: Cardiff, 14.5hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 13.3hr.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.8	0.11	17	63	cloudy
Belfast	6.8	-	18	64	bright
Birmingham	8.4	-	24	75	sunny
Bognor Regis	14.5	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemouth	13.7	-	23	73	sunny
Bristol	11.7	-	24	75	sunny
Cardiff	11.1	-	20	68	sunny
Clacton	12.5	-	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	14.3	-	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	13.9	-	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	1.9	-	21	70	cloudy
Exmouth	12.7	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	13.7	-	23	73	sunny
Folkestone	13.6	-	23	73	sunny
Glasgow	5.0	-	19	66	bright
Guernsey	12.6	-	19	66	sunny
Isle of Man	13.4	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	13.6	-	24	75	sunny
Leeds	15.0	-	24	75	sunny
Lerwick	0.1	0.05	12	52	cloudy
Littlehampton	14.1	-	23	73	sunny
London	11.6	-	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	10.5	-	18	64	sunny
Manchester	13.3	-	23	73	sunny
Margate	13.1	-	21	70	sunny
Morecambe	15.0	-	18	64	sunny
Nottingham	9.8	-	24	75	sunny
Penzance	12.2	-	22	72	sunny
Plymouth	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	13.3	-	25	77	sunny
Scarborough	12.8	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.2	-	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	14.0	-	23	73	sunny
Southend	12.5	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	14.2	-	21	70	sunny
Swanage	13.8	-	22	72	sunny
Teignmouth	12.7	-	21	70	sunny
Tenby	13.4	-	17	63	sunny
Tiree	4.8	-	14	57	bright
Torquay	14.7	-	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	12.7	-	19	66	sunny
Worthing	13.7	-	22	72	sunny

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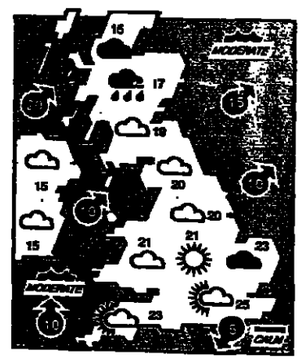
London 9.44 pm to 4.15 am
Bristol 9.54 pm to 4.25 am
Edinburgh 10.24 pm to 4.00 am
Manchester 10.40 pm to 4.12 am
Penzance 9.59 pm to 4.44 am

Sun rises: 4.45 am — Sun sets: 9.14 pm
Moon sets 11.25 am — Moon rises 7.43 pm

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	c	Guernsey	20	68	s
B'mingham	23	73	s	Inverness	15	59	f
Blackpool	17	63	s	Jersey	23	73	s
Bristol	22	72	s	London	24	75	s
Cardiff	23	73	s	M'chester	21	70	s
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	19	66	s
Glasgow	17	63	f	P'ndeway	15	59	s



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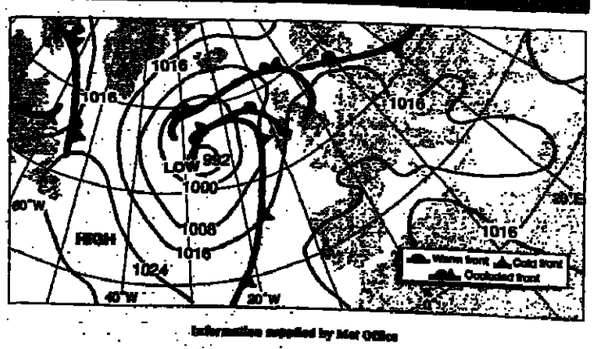
Aberdeen	3.40	4.1	4.12	3.9
Avonmouth	9.58	12.6	10.15	12.7
Belfast	1.25	3.6	1.57	3.3
Cardiff	9.47	11.7	10.0	11.7
Devonport	8.22	5.1	8.48	5.3
Dover	1.28	6.4	1.48	6.5
Falmouth	8.12	4.9	8.13	5.1
Glasgow	3.17	4.7	3.38	4.3
Harwich	2.19	4.0	2.34	3.9
Holyhead	12.37	5.6	1.8	5.2
Hull	8.49	7.2	9.25	6.9
Ilfracombe	8.40	8.7	8.59	8.9
King's Lynn	8.58	6.6	9.35	6.2
Leith	5.12	6.3	5.47	5.3

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.35	9.3	2.0	8.9
Lowestoft	11.56	2.5	-	-
Margate	2.34	4.7	2.44	4.7
Milford Haven	8.2	6.8	9.12	6.8
Newquay	7.43	6.6	8.3	6.8
Oban	8.11	3.8	8.34	3.9
Penzance	7.33	5.2	7.45	5.4
Portland	9.27	1.9	9.46	2.0
Portsmouth	1.39	4.7	2.10	4.8
Shoreham	1.24	6.1	2.0	6.0
Southampton	1.8	4.3	1.45	4.3
Swansea	8.52	8.8	9.11	9.1
Tees	6.5	5.9	6.43	5.1
Wilton-on-Nss	2.14	4.2	2.28	4.0



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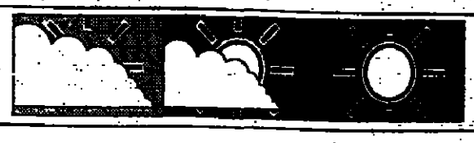

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Gatting's dismissal with the last ball of the day dampens England optimism

Defiant Gooch carries fight to Australians

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (fourth day of five): England, with eight second innings wickets in hand, need 379 runs to beat Australia

ADVERSITY has frequently brought the best out of Graham Gooch. Yesterday, with the obsession he has nursed for more than two years under threat of premature collapse, he showed that there is still no finer player in England.

Gooch is keenly aware that if England lose this first Cornhill Test his abiding ambition to bring back the Ashes, after the indignities of the last Australian tour, would become a pipedream. Australia, already the more confident team, would have apsychological advantage; Gooch, in all probability, would lose the captaincy in mid-series.

When, with what seemed overt conservatism, Allan Border declared Australia's second innings at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, England were asked to score 512 to win or, more plausibly, bat 8½ hours to draw. On Gooch's sloping shoulders, you sensed, hung almost everything.

The portents were not good. For the equivalent of a day in the field, England's cricket had been fatalistic, certain bowlers doing nothing but go through the motions, the fielders and the expressions betraying nothing more than to await the declaration.

Gooch had done his best to exhort his men to something better but now it was up to him to provide it. His captaincy has always been founded on his own example; if others can aspire to the standards he has set, England will not lose this match today.

It may be a pious hope. Gooch resumes unbeaten on 82 and if he does not make another run, he will have played as well, in this match, as he has done for some years. But two wickets have gone already, the second of them taken with potentially devastating effect by the last ball of the day. The odds remain heavily in Australia's favour.

The pitch, villainous through the first two days, is now relatively benign, and one on which a competent side could be fancied to bat out the final day. But two factors conspire against England: their own recent incompetence and the threat of Shane Warne. This time, Border had not waited such an unconscionable time before turning to Warne — one hour instead of two. And Warne, although turning the first ball he bowled, did not make quite the same dramatic start. He was into his sixth over when Michael Atherton pushed at the leg-break and edged to Taylor at slip.

Atherton had lived precariously against Warne, in contrast to the authority exuded by the captain. But Gooch was not flawless. Misreading the googly, half-an-hour from the end of play, he somehow jabbed it just out of Ian Healy's reach. It was a heart-stopping moment for the England balcony; if Gooch had gone then, the game would have followed.

But he stayed, adorning another sunlit evening with shots of such power and conviction that the teatime odds of of 100-1 against an England win seemed misguided. The only pity was that, bafflingly, there were no more than 8,000 spectators to watch it.

Julian was seen out of the attack in a flurry of drives, most of them vainly pursued by the perspiring Hughes, and when Warne dropped short, which was rare, Gooch pulled him viciously through mid-wicket.

He has faced only 118 balls for his 82, 64 of which have come in fours. If nothing else, he deserves what would be only his fourth century against Australia — his first, astonishingly, came after 40 frustrating innings in Ashes Tests.

The last-ball loss of Mike Gatting, however, doused English optimism and brought the game back onto the course it had been taking ever more resolutely since Friday afternoon. Gatting was bowled off his pads by a quick, full inswinger from Hughes, who, an over earlier, had found extra bounce and almost had his man caught.

Gatting is one of several who cannot feel over-confident about playing in the next match at Lord's. At least three of the bowlers are among this number, following a second-innings display stultifying in its lack of penetration.

Although Gooch has done little wrong in this game, he did go onto the defensive too early on Saturday. But his bowlers let him down, for not only were they wicketless, they were near to clueless about keeping the runs in check. Lewis's performance was so eccentric that Gooch trusted him with less than ten per cent of the overs bowled.

Australia offered a chink of light yesterday morning when Border aimed a pull in Caddick's second over, thought better of it and ended up offering a return catch. Caddick was off the mark in Test cricket, and he could soon have had a second wicket as he probed Steve Waugh's weakness against the short ball on his body.

David Boon has yet to make a century in England, after 11 Tests, having mistimed a drive to cover when seven runs short. But, less predictably, Healy appeared to make what was not only his first Test century but his first in any first-class game.

Healy was the beneficiary of England's afternoon torpor but he did play well as he dominated a frisky stand of 180 with Waugh on the ground where, four years ago, another wicketkeeper who can bat, Jack Russell, made 128 for England.

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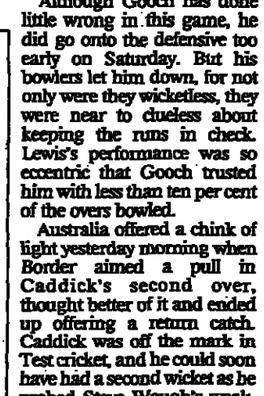

Warne: shorter wait

Kent and Sussex remain joint leaders of the Axa Equity & Law League after victories yesterday. Kent were comfortable winners against Gloucestershire while Sussex beat Warwickshire in a low-scoring match. Third-placed Worcestershire were involved in a tie..... Page 22, 23

IAN STEWART

Last post: Gatting hears the fatal rattle of the stumps as he falls to Hughes's final delivery at Old Trafford yesterday

England won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 289 (M A Taylor 124, M J Slater 58; P M Such 6-67).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M J Slater c Caddick b Such — *pulled drive to deep mid-on*	27	—	2	65	48
M A Taylor lbw b Such — *missed sweep*	9	—	2	37	26
D C Boon c Gatting b DeFreitas — *drove slower ball to cover*	93	—	12	323	255
M E Waugh b Tufnell — *bowled off pads*	64	1	5	136	107
*A A Border c and b Caddick — *might pull off slower ball*	31	—	1	130	87
S R Waugh not out	78	—	8	192	134
†I A Healy not out	102	—	12	164	133
Extras (b 6, lb 14, nb 8)	28				
Total (5 wkts dec, 528min, 130 overs)	432				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23 (Slater 14), 2-46 (Boon 10), 3-155 (Boon 48), 4-234 (Boon 86), 5-252 (S Waugh 9).

BOWLING: Caddick 20-3-79-1 (nb 3) (4-2-11-0, 4-0-15-0, 5-0-17-1, 7-1-36-0); DeFreitas 24-1-80-1 (nb 1) (4-0-11-0, 10-1-29-1, 6-0-28-0); Such 31-6-78-2 (11-3-21-2, 4-1-3-0, 6-1-17-0, 4-1-10-0, 6-0-27-0); Tufnell 37-4-112-1 (nb 1) (8-1-22-0, 6-1-19-0, 10-0-21-1, 1-0-1-0, 2-1-6-0, 12-1-43-0); Hick 9-1-20-0 (1-1-0-0, 6-0-11-0); Lewis 9-0-43-0 (nb 5) (6-0-28-0, 3-0-15-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Third day: 50 in 70 mins, 18 overs. Lunch: 55-2 (Boon 15, M Waugh 4) in 23 overs. 100 in 143 mins, 38.3 overs. 150 in 198 mins, 51.1 overs. Tea: 159-3 (Boon 48, Border 4) in 53 overs. 200 in 272 mins, 71 overs. Close: 231-3 (Boon 85, Border 29) in 83 overs. Fourth day: New ball at 241-4 after 85.4 overs. 250 in 358 mins, 88.1 overs. 300 at 418 mins, 103.overs. Lunch: at 345-5 (S Waugh 53, Healy 44) in 111 overs. 350 in 454 mins, 112.2 overs 400 in 502 mins, 125.1 overs dec at 3.0pm. Boon: 50 in 180min, 150 balls, 8 fours. M Waugh: 50 in 108min, 86 balls, 4 fours, 1 six. S Waugh: 50 in 106min, 70 balls, 7 fours. Healy: 50 in 94min, 84 balls, 4 fours. 100 in 160min, 132 balls, 12 fours.

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch c Julian b Warne — *full toss straight to mid-on*	65	—	9	190	137
M A Atherton c Healy b Hughes — *edge to keeper trying to take bat away*	19	—	2	89	74
M W Gatting b Warne — *pitched outside leg stump, hit off*	4	—	1	17	12
R A Smith c Taylor b Warne — *playing forward, edged low to slip*	4	—	1	8	6
G A Hick c Border b Hughes — *slash, head-high to cover*	34	—	5	83	71
†A J Stewart b Julian — *drove round full-length inswinger*	27	—	4	75	49
C C Lewis c Boon b Hughes — *nudged high over short-leg, diving catch*	9	—	2	16	12
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Julian — *played back to full-length delivery*	5	—	—	17	17
A R Caddick c Healy b Warne — *top-edged sweep*	7	—	1	33	28
P M Such not out	14	—	1	45	33
P C R Tufnell c Healy b Hughes — *spooned ball to keeper*	1	—	—	19	22
Extras (b 6, lb 10, nb 5)	21				
Total (303min, 74.5 overs)	210				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71 (Gooch 45), 2-80 (Gooch 50), 3-84 (Gooch 50), 4-123 (Hick 22), 5-148 (Stewart 7), 6-188 (Stewart 18), 7-178 (Stewart 22), 8-193 (Caddick 0), 9-203 (Such 9).

BOWLING: McDermott 18-2-50-0 (nb 7) (10-1-30-0, 8-1-20-0); Hughes 20.5-5-59-4 (8-3-21-0, 5-2-15-1, 4-0-16-2, 3.5-0-7-1); Julian 11-2-30-2 (5-1-11-0, 2-0-8-0, 4-1-13-2); Warne 24-10-51-4 (one spell); Border 1-0-4-0 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Second day: 50 in 79 mins, 18.3 overs. Tea: 99-3 (Gooch 60, Hick 4) in 36 overs. 100 in 164 mins, 36.2 overs. 150 in 218 mins, 53.1 overs. 200 in 274 mins, 67 overs. Close 202-8 (Caddick 6, Such 9) in 68 overs. Third day: Innings closed 11.25am. Gooch: 50 in 105min, 72 balls, 7 fours.

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch not out	82	—	16	150	118
M A Atherton c Taylor b Warne — *sharp leg break edged to slip*	25	—	4	96	72
M W Gatting b Hughes — *yorked off pads*	23	—	4	53	34
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3				
Total (2 wkts, 150min, 37 overs)	133				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73 (Gooch 46), 2-133 (Gooch 82).

BOWLING: McDermott 11-3-33-0 (nb 1) (one spell); Hughes 8-0-44-1 (6-0-27-0, 2-0-17-1); Warne 12-6-24-1 (one spell); Julian 5-0-31-0 (nb 1) (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Tea: 27-0 (Gooch 20, Atherton 5) in 7 overs. 50 in 48min, 11.3 overs. 100 in 113 mins, 28 overs. Gooch: 50 in 102min, 74 balls, 11 fours.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

Johnson on call as Dooley flies home

FROM DAVID HANDS IN INVERCARGILL

FEW touring teams can have faced such a traumatic 24 hours as the British Isles rugby union side endured over the weekend. Unexpected defeat against Otago on Saturday was overshadowed yesterday by the news which reached Wade Dooley that his father, Geoff, had died.

Dooley will return home today and though the opportunity remains for him to rejoin the tour if he wishes — a compassionate gesture by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union — he is likely to be replaced by Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, who has just played on England's tour of Canada. Confirmation is awaited that Johnson, who played for New Zealand's under-21 team three years ago, is available.

If the arrangements can be completed in time, Johnson, 23, who replaced Dooley against France in January to win his only England cap, will join another bank official, Ireland's Vinny Cunningham, on the evening flight from Heathrow today. Cunningham replaces Scott Hastings, who underwent an operation on Saturday for a depressed fracture of the cheekbone.

Two of Cunningham's 14 caps were won on Ireland's tour of New Zealand last summer, when he was one of the few successes. However had it not been for the shoulder injury he suffered in Canada last month, Philip de Glanville, the Bath centre, might have been preparing to become a Lion since he was among the tour replacements.

Dooley's father died unexpectedly from a heart attack: "Wade is pretty shaken and all our thoughts are with him and his family," Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, said.

There was, however, some good news on Martin Bayfield and Will Carling: both had to leave the field on Saturday, Carling with a troublesome groin injury and Bayfield with a back injury, but both should be available for next Saturday's first Test.

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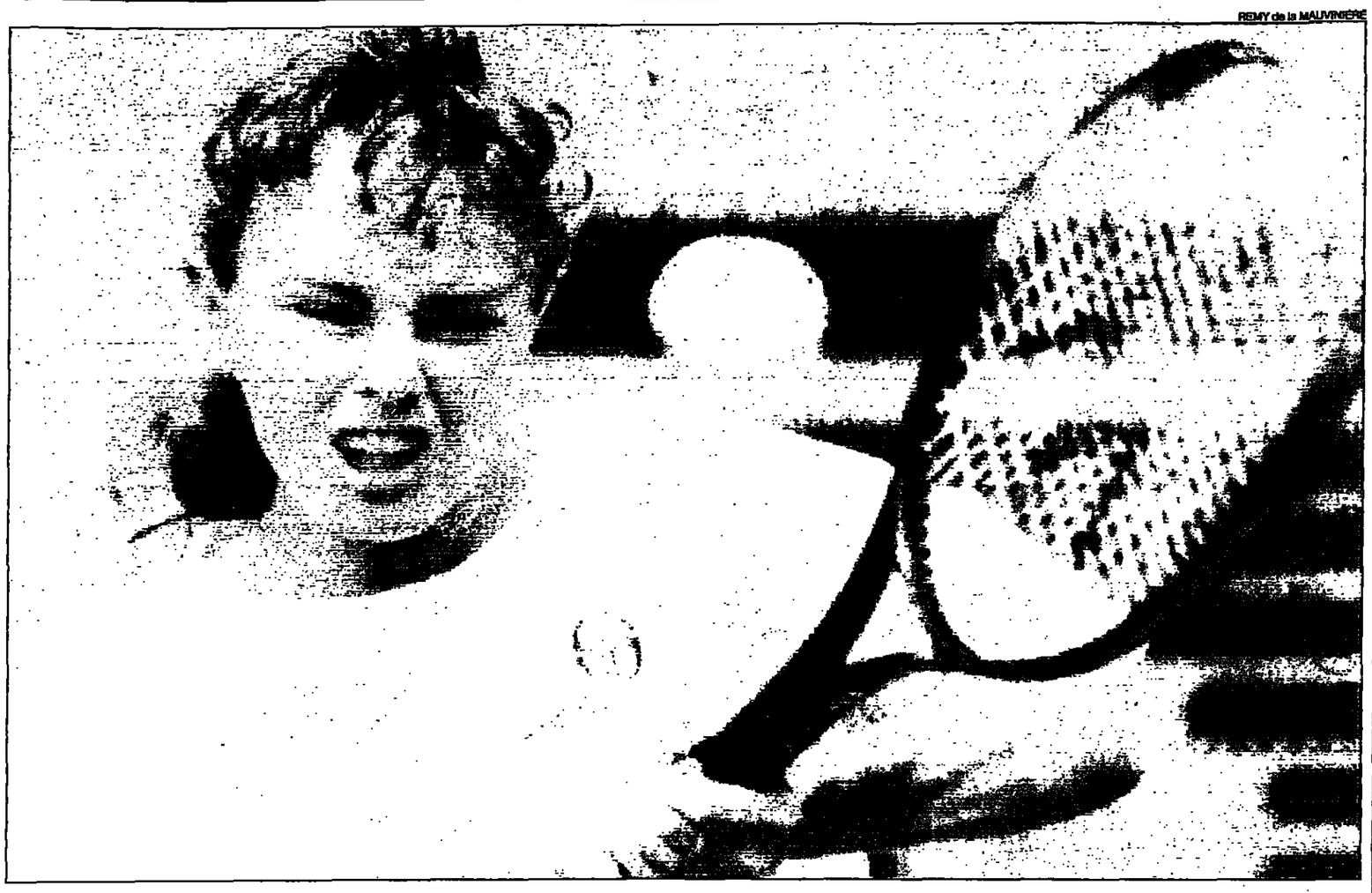

REMY de la MAUVINIERE

Winning smile: Martina Hingis, a Swiss who was born in the former Czechoslovakia, created history in Paris yesterday when she captured the girls' singles tennis title by beating Laurence Courtois, of Belgium, 7-5, 7-5, in the final (Stuart Jones writes). Hingis became the youngest competitor to win the junior version of any of the four grand slam tournaments. She is, scarcely believably, only 12 years old. Jennifer Capriati, of the United States, was 13 when she won the title in 1989.

Weighing 7st 12lb and a 5ft 4in tall, Hingis took up the sport when she was only two. Taught by her mother, who is herself a former champion, she intends to turn professional on her fourteenth birthday, in September next year.

She will enter three tournaments in her first season and may compete against her idol, Monica Seles, although she was named after Martina Navratilova. Hingis's immediate plans are to play in the junior event at Wimbledon later this month. Moreover, she believes that she can win there. After winning nonchalantly in an hour and a half on court two and in front of a sizable crowd, Hingis accepted her prize and posed shyly for photographers. The official duties over, she signed a few autographs for the spectators. There will, no doubt, be millions of other requests in the future.

Bruguera opens grand slam account

Jim Courier's two-year reign in the French Open is over, **Stuart Jones**, tennis correspondent, reports

JIM Courier's reign in the French Open was ended here late yesterday evening after four gruelling hours in oppressive heat and in the bear pit of a centre court. The holder of the title for the last two years eventually yielded to Sergi Bruguera, a powerfully built 22-year-old from Barcelona, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Bruguera's victory, his first in a grand slam tournament, completed a changing of the old guard at Roland Garros. As well as Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Andre Agassi, who did not compete, most of the established representatives were eliminated before the first week had been completed.

They included Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker and Michael Chang. Michael Stich and Stefan Edberg fell, too, and so did Pete Sampras, regarded officially as the best player in the world. Their places were taken by comparatively lesser and potentially brighter lights, such as Andrei Medvedev, a remarkably assured 18-year-old from the Ukraine, Richard Krajicek, the giant Dutchman, and ultimately by Bruguera.

He was recently criticised in his own homeland for losing a couple of rubbers in the unexpected Davis Cup defeat by Holland. His withdrawal from the Olympic Games last year, with an injury sustained during a friendly game of football, did not enhance his public stature either. Yet he is an heroic figure now.

Not since Manuel Orantes upset all the odds by defeating Connors in the United States Open in 1975 has a Spaniard won any of the four major championships.

Although his speciality is clay, the surface on which he has gained all seven of his other titles during his young career, Bruguera's triumph was no less a surprise.

Courier, the second seed, had won 20 successive matches here since losing in the quarter-finals against Agassi in 1989. Including his win in the Australian Open at the beginning of the year, he had won 13 successive grand slam matches. He was considered almost unbeatable, particularly on the red dust at Roland Garros.

Moreover, he had not only never been beaten by the Spaniard, he had never even dropped a set against him during their four previous meetings. Consequently, it was thought more than probable that Courier would match Bjorn Borg's feat, achieved between 1978 and 1981, when he won three successive titles here.

Bruguera, though, had indicated with his serene progress through the fortnight that he might pose more than a genuine challenge. He had dropped only one set himself and that was to the top seed, Sampras, in the quarter-finals. Within 52 minutes of the final, he had established a significant advantage.

Courier's forehand, the bludgeon with which he batters most of his opponents into submission, was less damaging than usual and not until the third game of the second set was he able to pull himself back into contention. Yet he required six set points to do so.

The opening game of the third set lasted fully 18 minutes, featured 22 points and eight break points for Bruguera. When at last he won it, he gained sufficient psychological impetus to carry him through and re-establish his lead. Once more, however, Courier responded, breaking once to level the match after four sets.

Bruguera was able to convert only a tiny fraction of the break points he earned. Even when he broke twice in the decisive set, his moment of glory was not assured until Courier lifted a backhand over the line.

"When I was six years old, I was told to make a wish but not tell anyone what it was," Bruguera said. "That wish was to win here at Roland Garros. Today, it has come true.

"It felt unbelievable when I won. I was in heaven," Bruguera, who remained flat on his back for several seconds after the winning point, said. "Then I looked up and someone was calling me. It was Jim congratulating me. It was a very nice gesture."

Courier said: "This is his best surface and he played better than he has ever played against me. I thought I was going to make it when I was 2-0 up in the fifth set and he was hanging his head and looking tired. But he seemed to get his second wind and I couldn't get my serve going."

RESULTS: Finals: Men: Singles: S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Courier (US), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Doubles: L and M Jensen (US) bt M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Women: Singles: S Graf (Ger) bt M J Fernandez (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Doubles: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus) bt L Neiland (Lat) and J Novotna (Cz), 6-3, 7-5. Mixed doubles: E Maniokova and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt E Reinach and D Visser (SA), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Juniors: Men: Singles: R Carretero (Sp) bt A Costa (Sp), 6-0, 7-6. Women: Singles: M. Hingis (Switz) bt L Courtois (Bel), 7-5, 7-5.

Surrey avenge themselves by swamping Lancashire

BY MARCUS WILLIAMS

SURREY'S spectacular collapse against Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup last month — from 212 for one to 230 all out and defeat by six runs — registered high on the Richter scale of cricketing disasters. Yesterday they could look themselves in the eye again after crushing the same opponents by 165 runs in the Axa Equity & Law League at the Oval.

Alistair Brown, as often, set the tempo for Surrey. He scored three of the eight fastest first-class hundreds of last season, and now took only 60 balls to reach three figures, the fastest in the league this season. His opening partnership of 100 with Darren Bicknell occupied only 14 overs, and in all Brown hit one six and 15 fours. Surrey's other main contribution to a total of 259 for nine came from Ward (55), while Wasim Akram claimed four wickets.

Then Adam Hollioake, born in Melbourne but England-qualified, took four for 33 with his medium pace in only his third league game. Lancashire, the one-time giants of Sunday cricket, tottered to 94 all out in 25.4 overs.

Kent and Sussex share the lead in the table after contrasting fortunes. Kent had a relatively comfortable passage at Tunbridge Wells, where a third-wicket stand of 147 in 37 overs by Taylor (80) and Hooper (70 not out) enabled them to beat Gloucestershire by seven wickets with 2.4 overs to spare. Gloucestershire lost their last five wickets for ten runs in 15 balls after Alleyne (78) and Broad (52) had laid a solid foundation.

Sussex squeezed home by two wickets with an over in hand at Edgbaston. Reeve, the Warwickshire captain, was top scorer with 38 out of his side's 133 all out and his opposite number, Alan Wells, did likewise with 31, as runs all day came at well under three an over. Munton conceded only 11 runs in his ten overs.

Worcestershire, another of the leading sides, were involved in the closest match: they tied with Northamptonshire, the second such result in the league this season. The scores were again low, at 168 apiece, with D'Oliveira's undefeated 83 by far the highest contribution but not quite enough to see Worcestershire to victory.

Revenge was sweet, too, for Somerset, soundly beaten by Essex in the concurrent championship fixture inside three days but yesterday triumphant by 22 runs at Chelmsford, their first Sunday win of the season. Harden's 89 was the cornerstone of Somerset's 201 for nine, and then Essex were bamboozled by cricket's flavour of the moment — leg-spin bowling — as Mushtaq Ahmed took two for 16.

Hampshire also recorded their first Sunday win, by eight wickets over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge. Connor (three for 28) was mainly responsible for restricting Nottinghamshire to 204 for nine, and then Hampshire made light of the target. Gower hit nine fours in his 59, including an opening stand of 99 with Middleton, before Nicholas and Terry saw Hampshire home.

Parsons steered Leicestershire to an exciting three-run victory at Grace Road. Durham, chasing a target of 218, were well on course at 143 for four in the 38th over, but Parsons dismissed Bainbridge and Glendenen with successive balls. Durham needed 11 runs off the last over, from Parsons, but could manage only seven.

Barwick and Richards shared seven wickets in Glamorgan's first win of the season after Yorkshire collapsed in pursuit of 209 at Middlesbrough.

SUNDAY TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Kent (5)	5	3	1	0	1	14
*Sussex (11)	4	3	0	1	0	14
*Worcs (7)	4	2	0	1	1	12
Derbyshire (13)	5	2	2	0	1	10
*Middlesex (1)	4	2	1	1	0	10
*Northants (13)	3	2	0	1	0	10
Hampshire (3)	4	1	1	0	2	8
Lancashire (11)	4	1	1	0	2	8
Leics (18)	3	2	1	0	0	8
Somerset (5)	4	1	1	0	2	8
Surrey (4)	3	2	1	0	0	8
Glamorgan (16)	4	1	2	0	1	6
Warwickshire (8)	4	1	2	0	1	6
Yorkshire (15)	4	1	2	0	1	6
Durham (6)	5	0	3	0	2	4
Essex (2)	4	1	3	0	0	4
Glouces (8)	4	1	3	0	0	4
Notts (17)	4	1	3	0	0	4

last season's positions in parentheses
**includes two points for a tied match*

Sampras facing quality test

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SEVERAL leading tennis players who gave disappointing performances at the French Open, including Pete Sampras, Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Goran Ivanisevic and Michael Stich, take their serve-and-volley talents to the greener pastures of Queen's Club this week as they launch their Wimbledon preparations in earnest.

All those players, who fill five of the top six seedings at the Stella Artois championships starting in London today, failed to justify their rankings against the baseline specialists on the slow red clay of Roland Garros.

Sampras and Edberg are expected to contest the first prize of £62,750 at Queen's, although both face a testing path to the final, which will be played next Sunday.

Stich and Becker, both former Wimbledon finalists, are scheduled for an intriguing all-German quarter-final, and are in the same half of the draw as Edberg.

Sampras, the world No 1, has drawn the Wimbledon finalist, Goran Ivanisevic, and last year's champion at Queen's, the South African Wayne Ferreira, in his half.

Another potential stumbling block to Sampras's progress is the fifth seed, Ivan Lendl, who is still trying to get to grips with grass at the age of 33.

Jeremy Bates, approaching Wimbledon with a depressing sequence of results behind him, leads the British challenge. The British No 1 plays the German, Patrick Kuhnen, in the first round.

Mark Petchey, Andrew Foster, Chris Wilkinson and Chris Bailey have received wild cards into the tournament. Of that group, Foster has the toughest first-round match. He meets the ninth seed, Marcos Ondruska, of South Africa.

Graf's mental strength decisive as Fernandez falters at final frontier

FROM STUART JONES IN PARIS

MARY JOE Fernandez explored the possibilities of a psychological breakthrough for an hour here on Saturday. Had she known how to manage it, she would now be entitled to call herself grandly the French Open women's singles champion.

Nobody could have denied her right to it either. The 21-year-old American had eliminated the third seed, Gabriela Sabatini, in an extraordinary quarter-final, during which she saved five match points, and the second seed, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, convincingly in straight sets.

Her renewed belief lasted halfway through the second set of the final against the top seed, Steffi Graf. Then, a point away from leading 3-2, she double-faulted and allowed a fumbling opponent (who, by her own admission, had been "hectic and nervous") to stumble across the key to the match.

A dozen minutes after missing her first break point in a game featuring eight deuces, Graf took her fifth. "Mentally, that was very important," she said. Yet, before regaining the title for the third time, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, she had to endure further, deeper crises.

Fernandez, on the verge of being 3-0 and 5-3 up in the third set, was unable to seize the critical points. "The difference was only a couple of points here and there," she said, "and she has the experience of knowing how to play the big ones."

She suggested that next time might be different but, in Berlin a month ago, she squandered an even better opportunity to register her first victory over Graf. If she cannot make the breakthrough now, when Monica Seles is also temporarily out of action, when will she? Not, for a start, she agreed, on the faster lawns of Wimbledon.

Her coach, Harold Solomon, believes her slim frame needs to be 10lb heavier. She could then lend more weight to her serve and, as long as she can maintain her new found aggression, challenge for one of the other leading championships, but Saturday, she might reflect, perhaps represented her best chance.

Fernandez: aggressive

Graf's uncertainty was self-evident, especially at the start, when the final was conducted almost exclusively along diagonal lines — from backhand to backhand, the weaker flanks. The champion admitted that her forehand was not working either. "I wasn't moving well," she said, "and I didn't play good tennis."

Having spent the early afternoon fluffing her lines, it was apt that she should end it by forgetting, in her excitement, to mention Seles in her victory speech. She had planned publicly to send good wishes to the absent rival she had two days earlier deposed as the world No 1.

Graf appeared to be vulnerable. "It is not that," Fernandez insisted, "but that the competition is getting stronger."

Except, that is, in the psychological department. The French champion will carry her supposed dominance into Wimbledon, where she will be the favourite. The last time she won here, in 1988, she went on to complete the grand slam.

Bailey barely comes up short against Wheaton

Bailey: seeks consistency

BY ALIX RAMSAY

CHRIS Bailey was delighted to be the latest nearly-man of British tennis yesterday, going the distance with the reigning champion, David Wheaton, before losing on a tie-break in the final of the Direct Line Insurance championships at Beckenham, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6.

It was more like a heavyweight boxing championship than a tennis match, with rallies at a premium in the battle of the big serves. In the blue corner, Wheaton, the world No 33, conceding an inch in height and nearly a stone in weight, traded aces and service winners with the 6ft 5in Bailey to take the first set.

In the second set, however, Bailey, from Norfolk, had the 1991 Wimbledon semi-finalist on the ropes, banging in seven aces in ten balls and levelling the match. Had it not been for two loose shots in the third, a weak backhand volley and a misguided drop shot, to give away a valuable break of serve, Bailey could have become the first British winner at Beckenham for 54 years.

"It all hinged on that game," Bailey, No 321 in the world rankings, said. "I'd broken for 3-2 and you have always got to hold on to a break. But I didn't give the match to him. Still, he'd been missing his forehand all match and in the tie-break he hit three of them, which is why he is ranked where he is and I am where I am."

"He played really well to a high level," Wheaton said. "I had to assert myself on the big points. I had to win it out there."

Bailey, who is still trying to repair the damage to his ranking caused by an 18-month injury break two years ago, is pleased with his form this year. "It's just a question of getting the consistency," he said. But when told his £2,500 cheque as runner-up had earned him as much as Martina Navratilova this week, he said: "Well, at least that's got to be a first."

Beckenham is Wheaton's first tournament win of the year. He slumped after hitting the heights of a top 12 ranking two years ago, however, back on British grass, he believes his chances at Wimbledon are as good as ever. "I am getting back to my best game" he said. "But I wish this week had been Wimbledon."

Navratilova found her opponent less of a problem to overcome to win the women's final, beating Kristie Boogert, of Holland, 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday. Boogert looked nervous at the start, conceding her first service game with a series of double faults but once her stage-fright was under control, she gave Navratilova a tough workout. It was enough to earn high praise from the nine-time Wimbledon champion.

"She's promising," Navratilova said. "She's got the game and she will only improve. She's got a good head on her shoulders, she's disciplined and she wants to do the right things."

For Boogert, ranked 96, the final was a valuable experience and an opportunity to gauge her game against the woman she regards as the finest grass-court player in the world. For Navratilova, the 248 minutes she spent on court over the week — earning at a rate of £10 a minute — have given her the start she needs for her Wimbledon campaign.

Lathwell finds defiant form

BY IVO TENNANT

THERE are innumerable adjectives that could be used to describe the batting of Mark Lathwell this season. The only drawback is that they have all been mentioned already. In the context of Somerset's feeble batting against Essex on Friday and Saturday, his innings of 132 beggared belief. The next highest score was 13.

Ultimately this only prevented Somerset, hitherto the Britannic Assurance county championship leaders, from being beaten in two days rather than three by the champions. It will not have gone unnoticed by England's selectors. The pity was that Gooch was playing elsewhere.

Obviously, Graham Gooch, the England captain, does not want the same fate to befall Lathwell as happened to him. He was the same age (21) and the Australians were also the touring party (albeit a stronger one) when he made a pair on his debut. Only Gooch and a handful of others can judge whether Lathwell is as fine a prospect as he was then.

Lathwell's innings, made out of 177 runs scored from the bat, was only the second century of his career. Many of these runs were scored in the teeth of a spell by Foster which was as remarkable for its longevity — 29 overs — as for the five wickets he took.

There was fast bowling to match elsewhere. For as long as Waqar Younis retains his enthusiasm, there always will be. His first spell at the Oval was unimpressive, all the more so since Lancashire were progressing inexorably into a match-winning position against Surrey.

His second spell, the ball old, the sky cloudless and the batsmen entrenched, was something else. In 12 balls he took four wickets for one run. That, coupled with an unbeaten opening partnership of 114 between Darren Bicknell and Lynch, has given Surrey a decent chance of making the further 285 required for victory today. Nor is it only at Old Trafford that spinners are making an impression. Kent should gain their second championship victory at Tunbridge Wells, where they gained a first innings lead of 231 over Gloucestershire, reviving memories of when they batted right down the order in the 1970s. Hooper and Davis then took the first three Gloucestershire wickets.

At Trent Bridge the new Chancellor of the Exchequer went to watch — presumably — Gower and came away having seen instead a century by Johnson that gave Nottinghamshire a chance, no more than that, of beating Hampshire. Gower was out for a duck after making 153 on Thursday.

That former England captain was upstaged by another, Ian Botham, who, opening Durham's innings, made a jaunty 65 in a 95-run partnership with Parker. Alas, it was to no avail as Leicestershire gained their first championship victory of the season.

Nonetheless, one umpire who has been on the first-class panel for many years, suggested last week that Leicestershire will join Gloucestershire and Durham as the three counties finishing at the foot of the table, and he is not alone in his view.

Lathwell: more heroics

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Ramprakash makes sun shine at Lord's

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S (Derbyshire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Derbyshire by two wickets

WHAT with numerous members avoiding Lord's altogether on Sundays, a heavy defeat by Kent, a tie last week, and a scrambled victory yesterday, Middlesex have made nothing if not a disjointed start to their defence of the Sunday League.

They beat Derbyshire with seven balls to spare, chiefly as a result of Mark Ramprakash making 84 off 108 balls, but through some powerful late order hitting besides.

Technically refined though he is, Ramprakash has such a good eye that he can swing the bat as effectively as anyone in this Middlesex side, Haynes included. Disregard the fact that he began the season with three one-day ducks in succession: his timing here was splendiferous.

By the time he was out, yorked by Warner shortly after hitting him straight for six and then into the guttering on the roof of the grandstand, he had given Middlesex every chance of victory. What followed was little short of panic, induced by genuinely fast bowling.

In seven balls, Malcolm yorked Weekes, whose contribution had been 40 out of 57, bowled Brown as he hit across the line, and had Emburey taken at slip. He deserved better. Alas for Derbyshire, insufficient of his 10 overs had been kept in reserve.

Keech and Johnson, who was playing in only his fourth Sunday match, added 38 off 23 balls through an amalgam of placement and luck — one drive trickled through Base's legs over the boundary. Decked out in powder-blue and forced to forget the rudiments of Don Bennett's coaching as he looked to smite the white ball skywards, Johnson must have been wondering what sort of profession he had joined. But his hitting came off.

Given that Middlesex are the holders of this title, they could justifiably have reckoned on attracting a sizeable crowd on a truly hot day. Whether or not it was the garb — think of Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood in their paratrooper caps in *Where Eagles Dare* — or the anti-social start, or even the Test match, there were again markedly few MCC and Middlesex members present.

On a comparable day last year perhaps as many as another 2,000 would have come. This is a concern for the Test and County Cricket Board, and no amount of cosmetic dressing will make it go away. Those who were here before lunch saw Bowler reach his first century in this competition, although the lengthier mode of the game this season renders such statistics specious.

Bowler's unbeaten 104 came off 139 balls, and included eight fours and a six. There was a telling innings, too, by Adams, who was fortunate not to be out when he had made 41 of his eventual 80. His stumps were spreadeagled by Fraser — who was no-balled for bowling a beamer.

Bowler: century

IAN STEWART

Off the middle: Healy turns a ball to leg during his unbeaten 102 at Old Trafford yesterday. Healy shared a sixth-wicket stand of 180 with Steve Waugh

Healy keeps alive gloveman's batting tradition

Michael Henderson watches the Australia wicketkeeper take advantage of some poor England bowling at Old Trafford

Nothing illustrates the gap which separates Australian fulfilment from English under-achievement more starkly than Ian Healy's maiden first-class hundred. Notwithstanding the fact that the pitch was good and his team were 331 runs ahead when he came in, his unbeaten 102 bore the mark of a natural competitor.

There may be more intimidating sights to confront a fielding side than Healy's arrival; there are fewer more irritating batsmen at No 7. Fixing a determined stare down the pitch he more or less challenges the bowler: "Come on then, throw a couple down and we'll see what happens".

Steve Waugh, a proven Test batsman, was outstripped in their unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 180, an Australian record on this ground. When Healy hit DeFreitas over mid-on to reach his hundred he celebrated it with an animated flourish of his bat to all corners of a ground which, to a person, accorded him the ovation he deserved. His mother was among them.

Healy said later that Waugh was reluctant to offer advice as he approached three figures. A committed "nineties" man until he himself made a Test century at Headingley in 1989, perhaps Waugh felt it was imprudent to disturb his partner. "He told me 'I've messed up about five nineties'," Healy said. In other words, you're on your own mate.

England have been here before. They might well have won at Sydney in 1991 had Healy not held them up with 69 time-consuming runs. Now here he was, clobbering the bowling — much of it indifferent, to say the least — over the quickening outfield with the air of a genuine batsman.

Unlike Alec Stewart, he has no three-line whip to make runs. Stewart plays at No 6 as a batsman who can also keep. Healy, one place lower, is a "stumper" capable of making runs. This was his eighth score of more than 50 in his 48th Test.

Rodney Marsh, who batted in the same position in Ian Chappell's outstanding side of the 1970s, had greater claims to batsmanship. Of his three Test hundreds the 110 not out he made in the Centenary Test at Melbourne in 1977 is the only higher score by an Australian wicketkeeper against England.

Alan Knott, Marsh's contemporary, was a better batsman still. "Touched by genius," thought Mike Brearley, which is putting it a bit high. He too had the capacity to irritate, as Jeff Thomson, who once saw good length balls disappear into the Headingley terracing behind square leg, might recall.

Knott was literally one in a million, a great wicketkeeper who could regularly meet Test standards with the bat, following in the Kentish tradition established by Leslie Ames. Knott's frequently inspired batting elevated him above Bob Taylor, hardly an inferior gloveman.

For all Stewart's claims to being both keeper and specialist batsman, he has yet to make a Test century from behind the stumps, so to speak, and in that respect he comes third to Healy and to Jack Russell who, at Old Trafford four years ago, made his maiden first-class hundred against Australia.

That was "Black Tuesday", when Australia completed their series victory on the day 16 Englishmen announced they would prefer to go unofficially to South Africa that winter instead of West Indies. After watching some ramshackle bowling here by DeFreitas and Lewis, some spectators would have marked their cards for another departure.

Lewis, lest it be forgotten, is also batting at No 7 in this match, which has proved a thoroughly miserable one for him with bat no less than ball. When it comes to under-achievement, he knows few peers.

Axa Equity & Law League

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Warwickshire by two wickets

WARWICKSHIRE
A J Moles b Stephenson 7
J D Ratcliffe c Moores b Jones 25
R G Twose run out 5
D P Ostler b Jones 13
T L Penney lbw b Jones 2
*D A Reeve b Giddins 38
†M Burns c Moores b Jones 0
N M K Smith b Pigott 15
G C Small c Moores b Pigott 6
A A Donald b Donelan 1
T A Munton not out 2
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 3, nb 4) 19
Total (47.1 overs) 133
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-39, 3-45, 4-63, 5-67, 6-67, 7-103, 8-115, 9-116.
BOWLING: Stephenson 9-2-18-1; Giddins 7.1-1-19-1; Jones 10-2-24-4; Pigott 10-2-21-2; Donelan 8-1-25-1; Athey 3-0-14-0.

SUSSEX
D M Smith lbw b Small 23
F D Stephenson c Burns b Small 17
C W J Athey b Munton 2
*A P Wells run out 31
K Greenfield lbw b Munton 0
†P Moores c Reeve b Munton 3
J W Hall lbw b Smith 10
B T P Donelan not out 11
A C S Pigott c Moles b Reeve 6
A N Jones not out 5
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 8, nb 4) 26
Total (8 wkts, 49 overs) 134
E S H Giddins did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-53, 3-63, 4-54, 5-88, 6-84, 7-109, 8-122.
BOWLING: Bowling: Donald 10-2-33-0; Small 10-1-28-2; Munton 10-6-11-3; Reeve 10-3-26-1; Smith 9-2-22-1.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

Nottinghamshire v Hampshire

TRENT BRIDGE (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by eight wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
P Johnson c Aymes b Connor 31
P R Pollard b Connor 17
*R T Robinson b Connor 66
C L Cairns lbw b James 10
G F Archer b Turner 17
M A Crawley retired hurt 7
G W Mike b Udal 0
†B N French lbw b Udal 32
R A Pick c Nicholas b Ayling 9
D B Pennett not out 1
M G Field-Buss b Udal 0
Extras (lb 8, w 6) 14
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 204
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-52, 3-76, 4-118, 5-134, 6-168, 7-189, 8-204, 9-204.
BOWLING: Connor 10-3-23-3; Thursfield 6-0-39-0; Ayling 10-0-38-1; James 7-0-23-1; Udal 10-0-45-3; Turner 7-0-29-1.

HAMPSHIRE
T C Middleton b Mike 48
D I Gower c French b Field-Buss 59
*M C J Nicholas not out 46
V P Terry not out 46
Extras (lb 5, w 4) 9
Total (2 wkts, 47.4 overs) 208
K D James, J R Ayling, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, C A Connor, I J Turner and M J Thursfield did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-126.
BOWLING: Pennett 10-1-51-0; Cairns 9.4-0-43-0; Pick 9-1-26-0; Mike 9-0-36-1; Field-Buss 10-1-47-1.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Durham by three runs

LEICESTERSHIRE
J D R Benson c Graveney b Hughes 42
*N E Briers c Bainbridge b Graveney 31
J J Whitaker c Daley b Bainbridge 23
P E Robinson b Graveney 2
†P A Nixon c Glendenen b Bainbridge 17
B F Smith not out 51
L Potter st Fothergill b Bainbridge 8
V J Wells b Cummins 4
G J Parsons not out 23
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 1, nb 4) 16
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 217
J Dakin and A D Mullally did not bat.
5-123, 6-158, 7-186.
BOWLING: Botham 10-0-47-0; Cummins 10-1-46-1; Hughes 10-2-33-1; Graveney 10-0-35-2; Bainbridge 10-0-45-3.

DURHAM
I T Botham c Briers b Dakin 28
P W G Parker lbw b Mullally 2
J A Daley c Nixon b Dakin 10
P Bainbridge lbw b Parsons 61
S Hutton lbw b Wells 5
J D Glendenen c Dakin b Parsons 28
I Smith not out 34
A C Cummins run out 13
†A R Fothergill run out 0
*D A Graveney b Wells 10
S P Hughes not out 4
Extras (b 6, lb 10, w 1, nb 2) 19
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 214
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-39, 3-56, 4-67, 5-143, 6-143, 7-170, 8-171, 9-201.
BOWLING: Mullally 10-0-50-1; Parsons 10-0-32-2; Dakin 10-1-50-2; Wells 10-1-29-2; Potter 10-0-37-0.
Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer.

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by 22 runs

SOMERSET
M N Lathwell run out 27
N A Folland c Shahid b Pringle 0
R J Harden c Prichard b Stephenson 89
*C J Tavare lbw b Topley 1
†N D Burns run out 22
G D Rose b Stephenson 24
Mushtaq Ahmed st Garnham b Stephenson 0
A Payne lbw b Topley 1
J I D Kerr b Pringle 4
N A Mallender not out 6
H R J Trump not out 10
Extras (lb 15, nb 2) 17
Total 9 wkts (50 overs) 201
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-40, 3-44, 4-103, 5-172, 6-172, 7-175, 8-181, 9-186.
BOWLING: Pringle 10-3-36-2; Ilott 10-1-37-0; Topley 10-0-22-2; Stephenson 10-2-31-3; Childs 10-0-60-0.

ESSEX
*P J Prichard lbw b Kerr 16
J P Stephenson c Tavaré b Rose 23
Salim Malik lbw b Rose 22
N Hussain c Burns b Kerr 17
D R Pringle b Mushtaq 1
†M A Garnham lbw b Mushtaq 18
N V Knight not out 42
N Shahid c and b Kerr 1
T D Topley b Mallender 1
M C Ilott b Mallender 12
J H Childs b Payne 7
Extras (lb 11, w 4, nb 4) 19
Total (48.5 overs) 179
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-60, 3-76, 4-78, 5-108, 6-113, 7-116, 8-119, 9-149.
BOWLING: Mallender 10-2-35-2; Kerr 10-1-34-3; Rose 9-1-31-2; Payne 9.5-1-52-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-16-2.
Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead.

Middlesex v Derbyshire

LORD'S (Derbyshire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Derbyshire by two wickets

DERBYSHIRE
P D Bowler not out 104
C J Adams c Haynes b Weekes 80
J E Morris b Weekes 4
T J G O'Gorman not out 38
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 8) 14
Total (2 wkts, 50 overs) 240
*K J Barnett, †K M Krikken, M J Vandrau, S J Base, A E Warner, R W Sladdin and D E Malcolm did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-141, 2-148.
BOWLING: Williams 7-1-18-0; Johnson 7-3-20-0; Fraser 9-1-54-0; Emburey 10-1-52-0; Keech 9-0-47-0; Weekes 8-0-44-2.

MIDDLESEX
D L Haynes lbw b Warner 15
J C Pooley c Krikken b Malcolm 2
M R Ramprakash b Warner 84
*J D Carr st Krikken b Sladdin 41
P N Weekes b Malcolm 40
†K R Brown b Malcolm 8
M Keech not out 21
J E Emburey c Adams b Malcolm 1
R L Johnson c Morris b Barnett 18
N F Williams not out 0
Extras (lb 10, w 3) 13
Total (8 wkts, 48.5 overs) 241
A R C Fraser did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-20, 3-102, 4-187, 5-153, 6-156, 7-198, 8-238.
BOWLING: Warner 9.5-0-49-2; Malcolm 10-
Sladdin 10-0-62-1; Barnett 1-0-2-1.
Umpires: J D Bond and D R Shepherd.

Kent v Gloucestershire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by seven wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
B C Broad c and b Hooper 52
G D Hodgson b Ealham 15
*A J Wright c Marsh b Penn 16
M W Alleyne c Hooper b Ealham 78
R J Scott c Taylor b Hooper 5
T H C Hancock lbw b Penn 13
†R C Russell not out 13
R M Wight run out 1
C A Walsh run out 0
K E Cooper b Fleming 1
A M Babington b Ealham 3
Extras (lb 4, w 3) 7
Total (48.4 overs) 204
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-75, 3-89, 4-113, 5-163, 6-194, 7-196, 8-198, 9-198
BOWLING: Headley 8-0-15-0; Ealham 9.4-0-41-3; Penn 9-0-58-2; Hooper 10-2-23-2; Fleming 9-0-50-1; Llong 3-0-13-0.

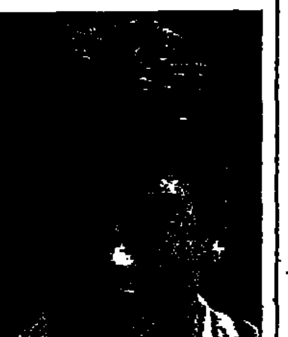
KENT
T R Ward c Broad b Walsh 23
M V Fleming c Babington b Walsh 9
C L Hooper not out 70
N R Taylor c Wright b Wight 80
N J Llong not out 11
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 6) 14
Total (3 wkts, 47.2 overs) 207
*M R Benson, G R Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, D W Headley, M A Ealham and C Penn did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-40, 3-187.
BOWLING: Cooper 7-0-47-0; Walsh 8-1-31-2; Babington 10-2-23-0; Wight 10-1-41-1; Scott 8.2-1-25-0; Alleyne 6-0-33-0.
Umpires: B J Meyer and P Willey.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

MIDDLESBROUGH (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 25 runs

GLAMORGAN
S P James c Metcalfe b Batty 51
*H Morris c White b Robinson 21
A Dale st Blakey b Batty 39
M P Maynard c Jarvis b Batty 27
I V A Richards b Jarvis 20
P A Cottey b Gough 24
R D B Croft c Blakey b Jarvis 0
R P Lefebvre lbw b Robinson 2
†C P Metson not out 14
S R Barwick b Gough 0
M Frost not out 1
Extras b1 lb3 w3 nb2 9
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 208
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34 2-108 3-128 4-159 5-184 6-194 7-187 8-207 9-207
BOWLING: Jarvis 10-1-29-2; Gough 9-1-53-2; Robinson 10-1-36-2; White 7-0-29-0; Grayson 4-0-17-0; Batty 10-0-41-3.

YORKSHIRE
*M D Moxon c Lefebvre b Frost 6
A A Metcalfe c James b Barwick 16
R B Richardson c Lefebvre b Barwick 20
D Byas c Morris b Barwick 6
†R J Blakey b Richards 44
C White c Morris b Barwick 8
A P Grayson c Morris b Richards 22
P W Jarvis not out 38
D Gough lbw b Richards 6
J D Batty b Lefebvre 3
M A Robinson b Lefebvre 1
Extras (lb 6, w 7) 13
Total (48.5 overs) 183
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-45, 3-54, 4-65, 5-67, 6-125, 7-136, 8-168, 9-173.
Bowling: Frost 8-1-40-1; Lefebvre 9.5-3-28-2; Barwick 10-1-27-4; Croft 10-1-28-0; Dale 5-0-33-0; Richards 6-1-21-3.
Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.



Brown: quick-fire century for Surrey

Surrey v Lancashire

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Lancashire by 165 runs

SURREY
D J Bicknell lbw b Austin 30
A D Brown b Wasim 103
G P Thorpe c Hegg b Wasim 15
*M A Lynch c Barnett b Watkinson 5
D M Ward b Wasim 55
A J Hollioake c Wasim b Barnett 6
†G J Kersey lbw b Martin 15
M P Bicknell b Wasim 8
Waqar Younis lbw b Austin 5
J Boiling not out 3
J E Benjamin not out 1
Extras (lb 6, w 7) 13
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 259
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-149, 3-161, 4-182, 5-182, 6-233, 7-249, 8-254, 9-256.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-0-32-4; Martin 5-0-48-1; Austin 10-1-43-2; Watkinson 10-1-49-1; Barnett 10-1-43-1; Chapple 5-0-38-0.

LANCASHIRE
*N H Fairbrother b Benjamin 11
G D Lloyd c Benjamin b M P Bicknell 11
N J Speak c Brown b M P Bicknell 1
S P Titchard c Thorpe b Benjamin 2
Wasim Akram c Kersey b Hollioake 11
M Watkinson c Brown b Waqar Younis 8
†W K Hegg c Kersey b Hollioake 0
I D Austin c and b Boiling 23
P J Martin c Brown b Hollioake 6
G Chapple b Hollioake 3
A A Barnett not out 11
Extras (lb 4, w 3) 7
Total (25.4 overs) 94
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-23, 3-29, 4-29, 5-49, 6-49, 7-54, 8-66, 9-79.
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 6-1-25-2; Benjamin 5-1-19-2; Waqar Younis 7-2-13-1; Hollioake 7-1-33-4; Boiling 0.4-0-0-1.
Umpires: R Julian and G A Stickley.

Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (2pts) tied with Worcestershire (2)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
A Fordham c Rhodes b Benjamin 4
N A Felton b Tolley 3
R J Bailey b Illingworth 43
*A J Lamb b Radford 19
D J Capel c Leatherdale b Illingworth 17
K M Curran lbw b Illingworth 2
A L Penberthy run out 6
†D Ripley c Leatherdale b Lampitt 24
J P Taylor b Lampitt 24
A Walker not out 8
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 4) 18
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 168
N G B Cook did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-12, 3-45, 4-88, 5-90, 6-108, 7-109, 8-148, 9-168
BOWLING: Benjamin 10-2-35-1; Tolley 5-3-13-1; Radford 9-3-27-1; Newport 8-0-24-0; Illingworth 10-1-23-3; Lampitt 8-0-37-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE
W P C Weston lbw b Curran 5
A C H Seymour run out 1
D A Leatherdale b Curran 4
D B D'Oliveira not out 83
*†S J Rhodes c and b Cook 23
S R Lampitt b Penberthy 28
N V Radford b Capel 5
P J Newport c Ripley b Taylor 5
C M Tolley b Taylor 0
K C G Benjamin run out 0
R K Illingworth not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 6) 13
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 168
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-12, 3-24, 4-62, 5-142, 6-150,
BOWLING: Walker 3-0-4-0; Taylor 10-1-24-2; Curran 9-0-42-2; Penberthy 10-0-30-1; Cook 10-1-31-1; Capel 5-0-18-1; Bailey 3-0-12-0.
Umpires: N T Plews and D O Oslear.

MINOR COUNTIES MCC TROPHY: Bedford School: Bedfordshire 251-8 (C K Bullen 98, P D B Hoare 73); Cambridgeshire 213 (B L Marvin 4-34). Bedfordshire beat Cambridgeshire by 38 runs.
Warrington: Cumberland 131 (N Peel 4-18). Cheshire 133-5. Cheshire beat Cumberland by five wkts.
Jesmond: Lincolnshire 219-7 (P J Heseltine 74); Northumberland 220-4 (P N S Dutton 90 no, G R Morris 65). Northumberland beat Lincolnshire by six wkts.
Trowbridge: Cornwall 208-6 (R S Bartlett 58); Wiltshire 209-5 (P M Marsh 57, K N Foyle 48, S M Perrin 54 not out). Wiltshire beat Cornwall

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (third day of four): Leicestershire (23pts) beat Durham (3) by an innings and five runs

DURHAM: First Innings 160 (L Potter 4-46)
Second Innings
I T Botham b Benjamin 65
P W G Parker c Briers b Wells 58
I Smith c Robinson b Benjamin 8
P Bainbridge b Mullally 8
J A Daley c Nixon b Parsons 32
P J Berry c Robinson b Potter 9
A C Cummins lbw b Mullally 0
W Larkins c Boon b Potter 15
†A R Fothergill b Parsons 5
*D A Graveney b Parsons 0
S J E Brown not out 0
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2) 6
Total 206
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95, 2-111, 3-142, 4-142, 5-171, 6-174, 7-201, 8-201, 9-201.
BOWLING: Benjamin 13-0-50-2; Mullally 16-7-45-2; Parsons 10-2-30-3; Potter 20-7-53-2; Wells 7-2-25-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon c and b Berry 105
*N E Briers c Botham b Brown 18
J J Whitaker lbw Graveney 46
P E Robinson c Fothergill b Cummins 5
B F Smith b Cummins 4
L Potter c Fothergill b Bainbridge 30
V J Wells c Daley b Bainbridge 2
†P A Nixon b Bainbridge 3
W K M Benjamin c Daley b Brown 83
G J Parsons not out 27
A D Mullally c Bainbridge b Brown 26
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 12) 23
Total 371
Score at 120 overs: 331-8.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-126, 3-131, 4-143, 5-211, 6-220, 7-223, 8-248, 9-337.
BOWLING: Cummins 19-2-58-2; Brown 31.2-9-102-3; Botham 18-8-27-0; Graveney 33-8-74-1; Berry 12-3-45-1; Bainbridge 17-4-54-3.
Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer.

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 170 runs ahead of Warwickshire

SUSSEX: First Innings 414 (A P Wells 130, D M Smith 80)
Second Innings
J W Hall run out 4
C W J Athey not out 35
D M Smith not out 15
Extras (b 1, lb 2) 3
Total (1 wkt) 57
FALL OF WICKET: 1-26.
BOWLING: Donald 7-1-18-0; Small 4-1-10-0; Munton 5-2-8-0; Smith 6-2-15-0; Reeve 4-3-3-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles b Stephenson 77
J D Ratcliffe c Wells b Greenfield 101
R G Twose lbw b Stephenson 0
D P Ostler c Smith b Greenfield 23
T L Penney run out 23
*D A Reeve c sub b Pigott 27
†M Burns lbw b Hemmings 22
N M K Smith not out 15
G C Small not out 4
Extras (b 3, lb 6) 9
Total (7 wkts dec, 118.3 overs) 301
A A Donald and T A Munton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-153, 2-153, 3-207, 4-208, 5-253, 6-282, 7-286.
BOWLING: Stephenson 30-7-81-2; Giddins 17-3-49-0; Pigott 15-7-27-1; Hemmings 33.3-9-75-1; Athey 3-1-8-0; Greenfield 20-8-51-2.
Bonus Points: Warwickshire 5, Sussex 6.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

MIDDLESBROUGH (third day of four): Glamorgan, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 289 runs ahead of Yorkshire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 323 (A Dale 100, S P James 78)
Second innings
S P James c Blakey b Jarvis 3
*H Morris not out 104
A Dale c White b Batty 49
M P Maynard b Batty 58
I V A Richards not out 3
Extras (lb 7, nb 6) 10
Total (3 wkts) 230
P A Cottey, R D B Croft, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-119, 3-219.
BOWLING: Jarvis 14-3-52-1; Gough 8-3-19-0; Batty 22-5-72-2; Stemp 20-4-47-0; Robinson 15-4-33-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
*M D Moxon c Cottey b Barwick 51
A A Metcalfe c Maynard b Watkin 6
R B Richardson c Metson b Watkin 81
D Byas lbw b Dale 16
†R J Blakey c Richards b Lefebvre 50
C White c Morris b Barwick 67
P W Jarvis c Morris b Lefebvre 13
D Gough b Barwick 5
R D Stemp c Maynard b Watkin 1
J D Batty c Maynard b Watkin 8
M A Robinson not out 1
Extras (b 7, lb 4, nb 4) 15
Total 314
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-102, 3-153, 4-165, 5-284, 6-290, 7-302, 8-305, 9-305.
BOWLING: Watkin 29.3-8-59-4; Lefebvre 28-12-53-2; Barwick 37-19-55-3; Croft 27-5-106-0; Dale 9-3-30-1.
Bonus Points: Glamorgan 5, Yorkshire 5.
Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.

Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Worcestershire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 64 runs behind Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 494 for 6 dec (A Fordham 193, A J Lamb 84, N A Felton 59, D J Capel 54)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
*T S Curtis c Ripley b Ambrose 6
W P C Weston c Loye b Taylor 6
A C H Seymour lbw b Capel 20
D A Leatherdale b Taylor 1
G R Haynes lbw b Taylor 0
S R Lampitt b Capel 7
†S J Rhodes c Ripley b Capel 11
P J Newport not out 79
R K Illingworth c Ripley b Curran 5
C M Tolley c Bailey b Curran 60
K C G Benjamin c Ripley b Taylor 26
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 2) 10
Total (70.4 overs) 231
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-18, 3-20, 4-20, 5-37, 6-42, 7-61, 8-68, 9-176.
BOWLING: Ambrose 21-8-38-1; Taylor 17.4-4-64-4; Capel 15-4-44-3; Curran 12-0-60-2; Cook 5-0-17-0.
Second Innings
*T S Curtis c Felton b Taylor 74
W P C Weston b Ambrose 6
A C H Seymour c Ripley b Ambrose 23
D A Leatherdale b Bailey 5
G R Haynes not out 49
S R Lampitt c Ripley b Curran 9
†S J Rhodes not out 7
Extras (b 15, lb 7, nb 2) 24
Total (5 wkts) 199
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-88, 3-101, 4-146, 5-190.
BOWLING: Ambrose 21-2-51-2; Capel 11-3-24-0; Cook 22-12-20-0; Taylor 15-4-32-1; Curran 11-0-33-1; Bailey 6-3-17-1.
Bonus Points: Northamptonshire 7, Worcestershire 1.
Umpires: D O Oslear and N T Plews.

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Essex (22pts) beat Somerset (5) by seven wickets

SOMERSET: First Innings 202
Second Innings
A N Hayhurst run out 3
M N Lathwell c Andrew b Topley 132
R J Harden c Topley b Foster 4
*C J Tavaré c Pringle b Topley 5
N A Folland c Hussain b Foster 9
†N D Burns b Foster 4
G D Rose lbw b Foster 0
N A Mallender lbw b Foster 13
Mushtaq Ahmed c Stephenson b Childs 0
J I D Kerr not out 8
A P van Troost c Pringle b Salim 4
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 8) 15
Total 197
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-38, 3-49, 4-60, 5-70, 6-72, 7-110, 8-123, 9-192.
BOWLING: Foster 29-8-58-5; Andrew 12-3-31-0; Topley 14-4-50-2; Childs 9-2-23-1; Pringle 5-1-22-0; Salim Malik 1.5-0-6-1.

ESSEX: First Innings 265 (P J Prichard 123, D R Pringle 54)
Second Innings
*P J Prichard c Hayhurst b Kerr 5
J P Stephenson c Burns b Rose 17
J J B Lewis c Burns b Hayhurst 50
Salim Malik not out 49
N Hussain not out 1
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb4) 14
Total (3 wkts) 136
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-67, 3-131.
BOWLING: Mallender 10-4-27-0; van Troost 5-1-12-0; Rose 9-2-24-1; Kerr 8-3-14-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 14-5-31-0; Hayhurst 3-0-13-1; Lathwell 4-2-3-0; Tavaré 1-0-2-0.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and V A Holder

Nottinghamshire v Hampshire

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Hampshire, with one second-innings wicket in hand, are 323 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 355 (D I Gower 153, A N Aymes 62)
Second Innings
T C Middleton c Crawley b Field-Buss 23
R S M Morris c Field-Buss b Mike 42
D I Gower c French b Field-Buss 0
*V P Terry run out 94
K D James c Crawley b Pick 21
J R Ayling b Pick 16
†A N Aymes run out 1
S D Udal c Field-Buss b Afford 23
I J Turner run out 8
K J Shine not out 0
Extras (b 4, lb 17, w 1, nb 6) 28
Total (9 wkts) 256
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-33, 3-165, 4-193, 5-211, 6-212, 7-229, 8-256, 9-256.
BOWLING: Cairns 12-2-26-0; Pick 18.3-4-37-2; Afford 41.1-14-92-1; Field-Buss 23.3-10-51-2; Crawley 2-0-12-0; Mike 4-1-17-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
D W Randall c Gower b James 40
P R Pollard c Morris b Turner 14
*R T Robinson run out 4
P Johnson c Terry b Udal 100
M A Crawley c Middleton b Udal 6
C L Cairns b Udal 81
G W Mike c Terry b James 21
†B N French lbw b Udal 0
R A Pick not out 10
M G Field-Buss c Morris b Udal 1
J A Afford b Turner 7
Extras (b 3, lb 1) 4
Total (83.3 overs) 288
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-53, 3-61, 4-85, 5-235, 6-270, 7-270, 8-271, 9-275.
BOWLING: Jean-Jacques 1.3-0-3-0; Shine 8-1-38-0; Turner 28-11-57-2; James 14-2-51-2; Udal 25-6-97-5; Ayling 7-2-28-0.
Bonus points: Notts 5, Hampshire 7.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater.

Surrey v Lancashire

THE OVAL (third day of four): Surrey, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 284 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 392 (M Watkinson 107, G D Lloyd 79, N J Speak 73, Wasim Akram 60; J E Benjamin 4-86).
Second Innings
G D Mendis b Waqar 66
S P Titchard c Kersey b Benjamin 5
P J Martin c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell 43
N J Speak lbw b Waqar 69
*N H Fairbrother b Waqar 0
G D Lloyd lbw b Waqar 5
Wasim Akram c Brown b Benjamin 11
M Watkinson c sub b Smith 28
†W K Hegg c Kersey b Benjamin 0
G Chapple not out 16
A A Barnett c Lynch b Waqar 12
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 4) 9
Total 266
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-93, 3-191, 4-191, 5-192, 6-197, 7-232, 8-232, 9-238.
BOWLING: Waqar Younis 23-6-52-5; M P Bicknell 18-3-65-1; Benjamin 19-3-64-3; Kendrick 10-2-36-0; Smith 11-1-44-1.

SURREY: First Innings 260 (M P Bicknell 57; Martin 4-63)
Second Innings
D J Bicknell not out 51
M A Lynch not out 55
Extras (b 6, lb 2) 8
Total (no wkt) 114
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 11-4-22-0; Martin 10-3-23-0; Chapple 6-1-29-0; Barnett 7-1-14-0; Watkinson 7-3-3-0.
Bonus points: Surrey 6, Lancashire 8.
Umpires: R Julian and G A Stickley.

Kent v Gloucestershire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (third day of four): Gloucestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 127 runs behind Kent

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 243 (G D Hodgson 75, B C Broad 64; Headley 7-78)
Second Innings
B C Broad b Hooper 15
G D Hodgson lbw b Hooper 34
*A J Wright c Hooper b Davis 2
M W Alleyne not out 39
T H C Hancock not out 10
Extras (lb 2, nb 2) 4
Total (3 wkts) 104
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-51, 3-59.
BOWLING: Headley 6-0-21-0; Ealham 2-0-7-0; Davis 20-6-44-1; Hooper 18-7-26-2; Llong 3-1-4-0.

KENT: First Innings
T R Ward c Russell b Cooper 20
*M R Benson run out 103
C L Hooper b Smith 86
N J Llong c Davies b Cooper 4
N R Taylor b Cooper 32
M V Fleming c Russell b Davies 22
R P Davis b Davies 34
†S A Marsh c Walsh b Davies 54
M A Ealham c Hodgson b Cooper 55
D W Headley not out 30
M J McCague c Davies b Alleyne 4
Extras (lb 9, w 3, nb 8) 20
Total 474
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-233, 3-234, 4-242, 5-278, 6-299, 7-371, 8-308, 9-468.
BOWLING: Walsh 31-7-87-0; Cooper 39-10-108-4; Smith 27-6-71-1; Davies 32-7-109-3; Scott 11-1-24-0; Alleyne 15.5-0-59-1; Hancock 2-0-7-0.
Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3, Kent 6.
Umpires: B J Meyer and P Willey.

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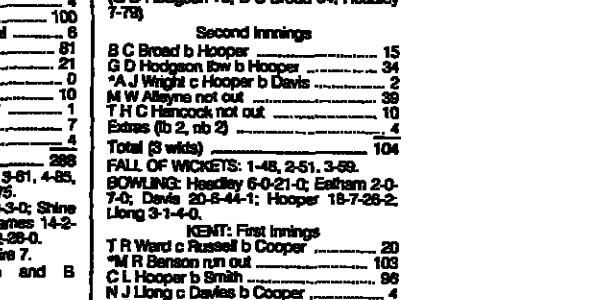

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British Isles concede five tries as Otago expose shortcomings with inspired second-half display

Lions' confidence shattered by crushing defeat

David Hands, in Dunedin, sees the British Isles outplayed in losing their unbeaten record

UNDER different circumstances, the game tomorrow between Southland and the British Isles at Rugby Park, Invercargill, might have been taken merely as the midweek preliminary to the first international against New Zealand. After the British Isles' 37-24 defeat by Otago here on Saturday, it assumes critical importance.

As much can be read into those not in the Lions team that plays tomorrow as those who are. Jeremy Guscott must be preserved after the injuries to Scott Hastings and Will Carling while Ben Clarke, who missed the match against Otago, remains on the bench and the assumption is that a place in the back row on Saturday must be found for him.

A good performance from Richard Webster, who is fit at last after his niggling ankle tendon injury, could push him into the team. The sound in Dunedin on Saturday evening was that of chickens fluttering home to roost as the Lions back row was outplayed in the loose. Jamie Joseph, who also did so much damage at the lineout, will be at Christchurch with the All Blacks.

Defeat is not the end of the tour by any means, even though it meant the loss of the Lions' unbeaten record. In recent years the Australians have been relatively happy to concede provincial games in the interests of winning the internationals, on which any tour is judged. But the nature of the defeat was a severe blow to the sense of confidence growing in the party.

Only once has a Lions side conceded more points (38 against New Zealand in 1983) and only twice (in 1908 and 1959) has a touring side from Britain conceded as many as five tries to a provincial team. Otago played a mighty game, fit to place alongside their treasured defeats of the Lions in 1950 (23-9), 1959 (26-8) and 1966 (17-9).

They did so after a first half in which the Lions appeared to be heading for a comfortable win over opponents short of two first-choice backs and, it was said, a goalkicker.

In the second half Otago, playing a compelling brand of fluid, inventive rugby, dismantled the Lions at lineout, ruck and maul. They scored 24 points to six, exposed weaknesses in the tackle, at the maul — marching the Lions back 30 metres for one try — and offering a half-back combination which would have been worthy of the All Blacks.

Stu Forster was magnificent in his choice of options and was complemented by Stephen Bachop at stand-off half.

Bachop had a disappointing trial last Tuesday but, in front of Laurie Mains, the All Blacks coach, must have redeemed himself with the accuracy of his kicking and his ability to break the line.

"Most New Zealand sides play pretty well two yards your side of the gain line," Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, said wryly, but the Otago coach, Gordon Hunter, a detective constable, had discovered useful clues about the Lions too.

Having noticed their habit of having two or three forwards standing off mauls, he asked his players to drive on through and they tackled their hearts out. "If your feet are taken away it doesn't matter how fast you can run, you have to plant the ball and then it's 50-50," Hunter said.

In their last three games the Lions have played to a law of diminishing returns. The quality of their backs rescued them against the Maoris and Canterbury, but they could do little to stem the flow of Otago ball and, when they did take possession, Barnes — on the end of a looping service — was loath to do more than kick high and hope John Timu would drop the ball in the bright sunshine.

Timu was not always reliable but he counter-attacked with panache against a Lions defence whose sturdy tackling — hitherto a main theme — was more muted. With the midfield disrupted by injury, the Lions found control ebbing away.

SCORERS: Otago: Tries: Cooke (2), Leslie, Latta, Timu. Conversions: Bell (3). Penalty: Bell. Dropped goal: Bachop. British Isles: Tries: Evans, Richards. Conversion: G Hastings. Penalties: G Hastings (4).
OTAGO: J Timu; A Bell, M Ellis, J Leslie, P Cooke; S Bachop, S Forster; N Moore, D Latta (captain), M Mika, J Joseph, A Rich, G Macpherson, J Kronfield, A Pene.
BRITISH ISLES: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), W Carling (Harlequins, rep: S Hastings, Watsonians, rep: A Clement, Swansea), J Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), D Morris (Orrell); N Popplewell (Greystones), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), M Teague (Moseley), M Bayfield (Northampton), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester).
Referee: C Hawke (South Canterbury).
SOUTHLAND (v British Isles, tomorrow): S Forrest; P Johnston, A James, G Beardsley, J Cormack; S Culhane, B Morrell; R Palmer, D Heaps, C Corbett, B Morton, M Tinnock, W Miller, P Henderson (captain), R Smith.
BRITISH ISLES: G Hastings (captain); R Wallace, S Gibbs, A Clement, T Underwood; R Andrew, R Jones; J Leonard, B Moore, P Wright, M Teague, D Cronin, A Reed, R Webster, M Galwey. Replacements: J Guscott, S Barnes, D Morris, N Popplewell, K Milne, B Clarke.
Referee: M Fitzgibbon (Canterbury).

Troubled times: Bayfield, the Lions second-row forward, is carried off with a suspected back injury during the defeat by Otago

Challinor shines as England square series

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND restored their pride with a 19-14 victory over Canada at the Twin Elm Rugby Park in Ottawa on Saturday, levelling the two-match series and easing the memory of defeat in the first international.

"Today we put our game plan into operation," Mike Slemen, the England coach, said after a bruising encounter. "It was our forwards who drove off the rucks and it paid off. Their determination to succeed was crucial."

The game was a personal triumph for the Harlequins stand-off half, Paul Challinor, who scored both the England tries and kicked two penalties. But Challinor and David Pears, the other England scorer, failed to finish the game because of injury. Challinor cut his head when scoring the second try, while his Harlequins team-mate broke a hand.

The England forwards were outstanding, with the prop, Victor Ubogu, a powerful force and John Hall, Martin Johnson and Steve Ojomoh almost as influential.

After an early exchange of penalties, England pressure midway through the first half brought the first try. Hall set up a ruck, Kyran Bracken broke up the blind side and Ubogu put Challinor in.

Canada, though, replied immediately. From a lineout, a miss-move sent the full back, Scott Stewart, through a gap and he supplied Gord MacKinnon, whose try delighted the 5,000 crowd.

But the England forwards continued to preserve possession, putting their opponents under pressure, and Challinor, taking over the kicking duties from Pears, was successful with two penalties.

England played most of the second period in Canada's half and the try that sealed victory came when Hall stole the ball at a maul and their livewire scrum-half, Bracken, made a break to set up Challinor.

Wales found little to celebrate after beating Namibia 38-23 in Windhoek on Saturday to complete their first hat-trick of international wins since 1988. Gareth Llewellyn, their new captain, warned that his side must improve.

Llewellyn was annoyed that Wales conceded a try within three minutes of the start. "That was exactly what we didn't want, and it all started with us giving away a stupid penalty," Llewellyn said.

"I never thought we were going to lose, but we didn't control it as well as we should have done. We put ourselves under so much unnecessary pressure. We wanted our best performance of the tour, but it turned out to be possibly our worst."

Having slipped behind so early, Wales were forced to battle back three times to take the lead. They trailed 17-14 at half-time and the first of two tries from Emyr Lewis ten minutes into the second half put Wales in front for the second time. But the impressive Namibia full back, Jaco Coetzee, landed a penalty to restore his side's lead midway through the second half.

That left Wales with plenty to do in the final quarter and they managed it, scoring 19 points, including three tries, to maintain their 100 per cent tour record and become the first full national side in 15 matches to beat Namibia.

Wales have learnt that they must play five matches to qualify for the World Cup in South Africa in 1995, beginning with a qualifying tournament in Barcelona in May next year. Wales meet Spain, Portugal and one other country in Barcelona and, if successful there, they will play Italy and Romania in September and October respectively.

The Scotland development squad defeated Tonga 23-5 in Nuku'alofa on Saturday and is now unbeaten after five matches of its tour of the South Pacific.

A close-range try after a pick-up by Doddie Weir and a penalty try after Tonga had prevented a pushover try illegally were testimony to Scotland's power in the set-pieces. Ken Logan, with a try, and Gregor Townsend, with two penalties and a conversion, collected Scotland's other points.

TRY SCORERS

CANADA (v England): S Stewart, J Loveday, S Gray, G Rees, D Lougheed; J Graf, C Tynan; E Evans, K Svoboda, D Jackart, J Knauer, N Hadley (captain), A Charron, G MacKinnon, G Ennis.
ENGLAND: D Pears (Harlequins, rep: N Beal, Northampton); A Adebayo (Bath), D Hopley (Wasps), S Potter (Leicester), C Oti (Wasps); P Challinor (Harlequins, rep: J Fletcher, Tynedale), K Bracken (Bristol); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton, captain), V Ubogu (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), A Blackmore (Bristol), J Hall (Bath), N Back (Leicester), S Ojomoh (Bath).
Referee: S MacNeill (Australia).
SCORERS: Canada: Try: MacKinnon. Penalty goals: Rees (3) England: Tries: Challinor (2). Penalty goals: Pears, Challinor (2)

NAMIBIA (v Wales): J Coetzee; G Mans (captain), H Snyman, M Marais, E Meyer, M Booysen, B Bufendag, C Derks, S Smith, A van Wyk, D Kotze, B Malgas, J Bernard (rep: G Rich), H Brink, K Goosen.
WALES: M Rayer (Cardiff); S Hill (Cardiff), R Bidgood (Newport), N Boobyer (Llanelli), W Proctor (Llanelli); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Moon (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Cardiff), A Lamerton (Llanelli), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), P Davies (Llanelli), G Llewellyn (Neath, captain), S Davies (Swansea), E Lewis (Llanelli, rep: M Perego, Llanelli), L Jones (Llanelli).
Referee: K McCartney (Scotland).
SCORERS: Namibia: Tries: Coetzee, Kotze. Conversions: Coetzee (2). Penalties: Coetzee (3). Wales: Tries: Lewis (2), Hill, Proctor, Moon. Conversions: Jenkins (2). Penalty goals: Jenkins (5).

TONGA (v Scotland): I Tapueluelu, A Uasi, T Tu'ineau, M Lavaka, T Va'enuku; EVunipola, A Tuilokoi, V Moa, F Maka, E Talaki, T Loto'ahea, I Fatani, I Fenuktau, M Manulea (captain), F Fakaongo
SCOTLAND: C Redpath (Melrose); M Mencrieff (Gala), S Nichol (Selkirk), I Jardine (Stirling County), K Logan (Stirling County); G Townsend (Gala), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP, captain); G Isaac (Gala), J Hay (Hawick), S Ferguson (Peebles), C Gray (Nottingham), R Scott (London Scottish), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), G Weir (Melrose), I Smith (Gloucester).
Referee: L McLachlan (New Zealand).
SCORERS: Tonga: Try: Lavaka. Scotland: Tries: Weir, Logan, penalty try. Conversion: Townsend. Penalty goals: Townsend (2).

Dowd steps up for All Blacks debut

CRAIG Dowd, the Auckland prop, is the only newcomer in the All Blacks team to meet the British Isles in the first international in Christchurch next Saturday (David Hands writes). Dowd, 23, fills the vacancy created by the season-long suspension of Richard Loe.

The only other change from last season's team is on the right wing where Eroni Clarke, who scored four tries in Auckland's 69-31 Ranfurly Shield defence against Hawke's Bay on Saturday, replaces John Kirwan. New Zealand's leading try-scorer. Kirwan played in the game only four days after returning from Italy and is expected to regain his place later.

The New Zealand Rugby Football Union will confirm on Wednesday a fund-raising scheme allowing individuals and companies to join the All Blacks Supporters' Club to create a fund supporting leading players during their playing days, and help build careers for them afterwards.

Eddie Tonks, chairman of the NZRFU council, and of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), said the scheme did not need IRFB approval. "No one is trying to flout the rules," he said, "but the All Blacks are the pinnacle of New Zealand sport and we are trying to capture the public imagination to make sure they do not suffer from their commitment to rugby."

NEW ZEALAND: J K R Timu (Otago); E Clarke (Auckland), F E Bunce (North Harbour), W K Little (North Harbour), V L Tuigamala (Auckland); G J Fox (Auckland), A D Strachan (North Harbour); C W Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O Brown (Auckland), J W Joseph (Otago), R M Brooke (Auckland), I D Jones (North Auckland), M N Jones (Auckland), Z V Brooke (Auckland). Replacements: M J A Cooper (Waikato), J P Preston (Wellington), G W Dowd (North Harbour), M R Allen (Taranaki), M S B Cooksley (Counties), A R B Pene (Otago).

Mansell seventh on grid

MECHANICAL difficulties with his Newman/Haas car frustrated Nigel Mansell during the qualifying rounds for yesterday's Miller Genuine Draft 200 Milwaukee Mile. The Briton had to settle for seventh place on the grid.

In only his second Indy car start on an oval course, Mansell finished with an average speed of 160.414 mph but could not conceal his disappointment.

"It's a bit frustating," he said. "You set the car up perfectly in practice in the morning and an hour later you have a massive understeer. I'm not used to the track condition changing so rapidly either."

Mansell's Newman/Haas teammate, Mario Andretti, fared little better, taking fifth place on the grid with an average 160.842mph.

Foreign domination of the IndyCar circuit was sustained by Raul Boesel, who seized pole position with an average speed of 165.752 around the one-mile oval.

Popov short-changed by Lithuanian

FROM CRAIG LORD IN MONTE CARLO

MONTE Carlo, as synonymous with wealth as Aleksandr Popov has become with world record attempts this season, is no place to be embarrassed about money. It was a harsh lesson to learn for the Olympic champion, who was last night beaten in a long-course pool for the first time this year.

Raimundas Majuolis, a European youth champion four years ago for the Soviet Union, and now training in the United States and competing for Lithuania, was his victor in the 50 metres freestyle, in 22.24sec, the fastest time in the world this year. Popov's 22.29sec, his fastest of the season, stands at third best; Majuolis also has the second best, at 22.26sec.

The two will now not meet before the European Championships at Sheffield in August and Popov, 22, will drive to an altitude training camp in the Pyrenees wondering what it will take to beat Majuolis, who did not taper or shave for the eleventh Monte Carlo international.

Too humble to accept the Ffr36,000 ticket for a private jet offered to him by Monte Carlo organisers who were keen to see him arrive in form from a competition in Barcelona on Saturday, Popov may take a more aggressive approach to his new-found fame in future.

Gennadi Touretsky, his coach, is openly annoyed that Popov, the Carl Lewis of the swimming world, has not been offered as high a fee as other swimmers to appear on the European circuit.

"He does not want to abuse the system," said Touretsky, "but his agent must work harder to get him more help." The agent is Kelvin Juba, of Britain, who last weekend acknowledged that Popov could be earning a larger embarrassment of riches.

Russian pride was upheld by Nina Zhivanevskaya, a 15-year-old from Samara, who has staked her claim on the European title at 100 metres backstroke despite the favourite being Krisztina Egerszegi, of Hungary, the only woman to win three Oympic titles at Barcelona.

As if to prove she has the ability to achieve her target, Zhivanevskaya, the only girl in her class to have left Russia, swam half a second faster than the Hungarian had a month ago to set the fastest time in the world this year, of 1min 02.16sec.

Hill scores twice in hollow victory

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN DUBLIN

ENGLAND'S 4-1 victory over Ireland yesterday earned them little comfort after a 5-1 defeat by Germany on Saturday in the four-nation hockey tournament here, which the Germans eventually won.

It took only 13 minutes to break down Ireland's resistance and, after that, there was little doubt England would win. Three of their goals came from short corners, two converted directly by Hill from a total of nine.

Welch indirectly converted England's first short corner in the thirteenth minute and Williams, scoring from open play, gave them a 2-0 lead at half-time.

After Hill had increased the advantage to 3-0 in the 41st minute, Ireland retaliated five minutes later with a well-taken goal by Sloan, helped by Dunne with a sparkling run.

But Irish fervour subsided after Hill had scored England's fourth goal, and his second, in the 66th minute.

By half-time on Saturday, England had been overwhelmed by the skill and tenacity of Germany, who scored four goals from open play — two from Brinkmann.

With the arrival of Nicklin and Gibbins as substitutes, England steered a steadier course in the second half and Nicklin cut the lead in the 43rd minute with a penalty stroke. But it was not long before Tewes added Germany's fifth goal from a short corner.

In the final match yesterday, Germany clinched the Centenary Cup by beating Holland 1-0, their goal coming through Becker from a short corner in the first half. Holland finished second on goal difference, England third and Ireland fourth.

England now move on to play matches against Holland on June 19 and 20. With the return of Bolland and Potter, their defence should prove stronger.

IRELAND: I Bateman; G Burns, P Holliday, A Dowd, C Hada, J Kirkwood, M Sloan (captain), R Taylor, D Clarke, R Madeley, R Johnson. Subs: A Dunne, G Starritt, D McAnulty.
ENGLAND: D Luckes; R Hill, J Hallo, A Humphrey, K Telcher, A Degun, D Williams, J Shaw (captain), R Garcia, S Nicklin, R Welch. Subs: J Lee, P Gibbins, M Mahmood Bati.
Umpires: V Wornig (Germany) and P Schellekens (Holland).
RESULTS: England 2, Holland 2; Ireland 0, Germany 3; Ireland 1, Holland 3; England 1, Germany 5; Ireland 1, England 4; Germany 1, Holland 0. Final positions: 1, Germany, 6pts; 2, Holland, 3; 3, England, 3; 4, Ireland, 0.

Last-gasp title for Bremen

WERDER Bremen won the German championship for the first time since 1988 when they beat Stuttgart, the title holders, 3-0 on Saturday. Bremen finished one point clear of Bayern Munich, who had led the Bundesliga for most of the season but were held to a 3-3 draw at Schalke.

Bernd Hobsch, the substitute, scored twice for Bremen, who went into the final round of matches level on points with Bayern but with a better goal difference of one.

Spain's representatives to join Bremen in next season's European Cup remain undecided. Real Madrid leading Barcelona by one point with two matches to play.

Real took their unbeaten run to 21 matches with a 2-0 victory over Real Sociedad, while Barcelona, aiming for a third successive title, beat Seville 2-1. Deportivo la Coruna are third, three points behind the leaders, after beating Cadiz, who are relegated.

Susanti secures unofficial grand slam

BY RICHARD EATON

SUSI Susanti, the Olympic badminton champion, won a unique unofficial grand slam of titles, and both singles were won by Indonesians for the first time since 1980, in the world championships at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham yesterday.

Europe won only one title and the home country had to be content with a bronze. The singles were won by Susanti and Joko Suprianto. The Essex-based Dane, Thomas Steur-Lauridsen, tipped by many as Europe's first world singles champion since 1977, faded disappointingly on Saturday against Hermawan Susanto. Indonesia thus confirmed the impression given at the All England three months ago that they have nosed ahead of China, South Korea and Malaysia as the world's leading badminton nation. Only one champion, Nong Kunhua, of China, successfully defended a title, and she did it with a new women's doubles partner, Zhou Lei.

Though the burden of expectations again weighed heavily, Susanti recovered to win 7-11, 11-9, 11-3 against Bang Soo-Hyun, of South Korea, her closest rival, who had beaten her in Seoul in January.

It completed a set of world, world grand prix, All England and Olympic titles.

The brave run of the England twosome, Gill Clark and Nick Ponting, ended 15-8, 18-15 in the mixed semi-finals on Saturday against the eventual winners, Thomas Lund, of Denmark, and Catrine Bengtsson, of Sweden, although the home partnership again played well and led by 8-3, 14-13 in the second game.

Ponting has never played as well as during the past fortnight, and Clark claimed that this medal was worth far more than the world bronze she achieved ten years ago.

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Wales move on to brink of finals after 36-year wait

Faeroe Islands 0
Wales 3

FROM KEITH PIKE IN TOFTIR

A cliff-top ground perched precariously above the north Atlantic, Wales yesterday continued to scale new heights. Their victory over the Faeroes may have been no more than was expected but, having achieved it, they now find themselves confirmed as the most likely British representatives in the World Cup finals next year.

The win lifts them into third place in the group four qualifying table and they can now home in on their place in the United States by winning their last three games — against the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks (formerly Czechoslovakia), Cyprus and Romania. All are at the National Stadium in Cardiff, where Wales have never lost, and it is looking increasingly likely that they will making their first appearance in the finals for 36 years.

If the setting here was memorable — 50 tonnes of dynamite was used to blast a level surface out of the hillside — the performance by Wales was less so, although it was a professional enough display. Had the three efforts that thundered against the woodwork around Knudsen, the Faeroes' gallant goalkeeper, been fractionally better placed, the margin would have been doubled.

The Faeroes are among those new football nations whose emergence has allowed the likes of Wales to lose their tag of minnows. You could fit their entire population into the Arms Park and their mixture of ice-cream salesmen, factory workers and electricians never threatened to upset Wales' rhythm once they had come to terms with the conditions.

For 20 minutes, there was just a suspicion that Wales might struggle to win. The Faeroes' initial enthusiasm, a small playing surface and a tufty, slippery pitch conspired to frustrate them early on. It was only when Giggs switched from the right flank to the left, that their obvious superiority began to tell.

They had created a number of half-chances beforehand, Saunders shooting straight at Knudsen and the hard-working Rush charging down an attempted clearance by the goalkeeper only to deflect the ball wide.

Then the openings began to flow as Giggs switched his attentions to Dam, the young business student operating at right back. It was a painful lesson for Dam.

Giggs immediately swept past him to deliver a low cross that eluded Knudsen and allowed Saunders to score at the near post in the 23rd minute. It was only the Aston Villa striker's second goal in his last 12 international matches but it immediately calmed the nerves.

The second goal arrived just nine minutes later, when Young rose unopposed to meet Giggs's corner and thump home a header for the first goal for his country. From then on, it was only a question of how many.

Wales' third goal came from a much more familiar source and was the pick of the three. Having survived the Faeroes' one reasonable spell — Southall saving comfortably from Nielsen when they managed their one shot on target — Wales broke away in the 69th minute. Giggs's cross was flicked on by Saunders and Rush swivelled to power home a right-foot volley. It was his 25th goal for Wales.

Saunders hit the base of the post and Symons twice hit the woodwork within a minute late in the second half as Wales continued to press forward. They can only hope that goal difference does not eventually prove crucial to their qualifying chances.

FAEROE ISLANDS: J M Knudsen (G1); J Jakobsen (HB), T E Hansen (B68), O Johannesen (TB), A Justinussen (G1), P Reynatugvu (B71); sub: G Mohr, HB), T Nielsen (S1F), J Dam (HB), A Hansen (B68), K Reynheim (HB; sub: J E Rasmussen, MB), U Arge (HB).

WALES: N Southall (Everton); D Phillips (Norwich City), P Bodin (Swindon Town), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), E Young (Crystal Palace, sub: A Melville, Oxford United), K Symons (Portsmouth), B Horne (Everton), D Saunders (Aston Villa), I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United; sub: G Speed, Leeds United), R Giggs (Manchester United).

Referee: V Zhuk (Belarus).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	7	0	1	15	3	14
Romania	7	4	1	2	21	10	9
Wales	7	4	1	2	14	8	9
RCS	6	2	3	1	13	7	7
Cyprus	8	2	1	5	8	13	5
Faeroe Islands	8	0	0	8	1	31	0

RESULTS: Belgium 1, Cyprus 0; Romania 7, Faeroes 0; Romania 5, Wales 1; Faeroes 0, Belgium 3; Faeroes 0, Cyprus 2; RCS 1, Belgium 2; Wales 6, Faeroes 0; RCS 4, Faeroes 0; Cyprus 0, Wales 1; Belgium 1, Romania 0; Romania 1, RCS 1; Belgium 2, Wales 0; Cyprus 1, Romania 4; Cyprus 0, Belgium 3; Cyprus 1, RCS 1; Wales 2, Belgium 0; Romania 2, Cyprus 1; Cyprus 3 Faeroes 1; RCS 1, Wales 1; Belgium 3, Faeroes 0; RCS 5, Romania 2; Faeroes 0, Wales 3.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Jun 16: Faeroes v RCS. Sept 8: Faeroes v Romania, Wales v RCS. Oct 13: Romania v Belgium, Wales v Cyprus. Oct 27: RCS v Cyprus. Nov 17: Wales v Romania; Belgium v RCS.

Gascoigne told to get fit by Taylor

THE England manager, Graham Taylor, has insisted that he has not written off Paul Gascoigne's chances of playing in the World Cup qualifying game against Poland in September. But the Lazio midfielder has been told to get fit, and find form. Gascoigne's stuttering performances against Poland and Norway last week were central to England's failure to collect more than the single point, gained with some luck, against the skilful Poles.

As he began his preparations for the opening US Cup game against next summer's World Cup hosts in Boston on Wednesday, — Gascoigne misses the two-week tour because of a mix-up at Lazio — Taylor said: "I feel I'm the only person at the moment prepared to grasp the nettle to help this boy — and I'm suffering because of it."

He praised his strength of character, shown in his return to top level football in Italy after injury. But he added: "I don't want him to throw those things away. He hasn't been dumped."

If Liverpool's £2 million signing, Nigel Clough, can prove he is a more consistent alternative, Taylor may not need to consider that prospect.

DARRIN BUSH

Black menace, white hope: George Foreman and Tommy Morrison confront each other before their world heavyweight title contest

Dreams stir anew for great white hope

Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, reports from Las Vegas on the world heavyweight title aims of an intruder into a black man's world

Mention the idea of the great white hope to American boxing people and they will look at you with an expression of pained exasperation for pulling out a great white skeleton from the cupboard. They will tell you, rightly, that white hopism lost all meaning when Muhammad Ali was universally acclaimed as the greatest and as a national figure in the Seventies.

But, like a great white elephant, the dream of a great white hope refused to go away. If Tommy Morrison beats George Foreman today to become the first white American champion in 38 years — they are contesting the vacant WBO title — the old notion will almost certainly surface again. This time, however, a white contender might not be such a bad thing. After the disappearance of Mike Tyson, Morrison could bring some excitement to a division that has lost much of its attraction.

The promoters threw up their hands in horror at the thought of exploiting a black-white match-up, but at the same time they admit that if Morrison won and faced Lennox Lewis or Riddick Bowe, those would be "mega, mega fights". Since neither Lewis nor Bowe are as yet great champions or charismatic figures, the assumption can only be that the draw is Morrison. Even before he has beaten Foreman, he is being packaged as the all-American boy. The grand nephew of John Wayne, the true grit, cleanest-cut American, Morrison calls himself Tommy "The Duke" Morrison, and the star-spangled banner that Wayne defended so ably on the silver screen appears on Morrison's trunks.

The Thomas and Mack Center is almost sold out, and pay-per-view records are expected to be broken — more than 1.4 million people are expected to tune in. Even though he does not have the classic all-American background nor a classic boxing pedigree — his mother is half-American Indian, and he learnt to fight in strong-man contests at the age of 14 — Morrison is aware of his vulnerability as a white contender.

"I think why I got so much criticism is that in the last 40 years people believe whites can't fight," he said. "You can't argue with some of that, but when one comes along who can fight a little, they start hyping you. Lose one fight and you're tagged another great white hope."

Bill Cayton, his manager, believes Morrison will knock Foreman out. "Tommy has a knockout punch" Cayton said. "When they first sent tapes of him to me I saw something rare and unusual, a leverage left hook. It's a tremendous left hook."

There is little doubt that Morrison is exciting to watch as he leaps in to deliver that blow and an equally big right uppercut. Even Lewis admits Morrison has greatly improved from the days he was knocking over "tomato cans".

But he has two weaknesses: his chin and a craving for a good time, both of which have given his trainers much concern. "Having learnt more about his personality, I wish we had named him Tommy "The Wild Thing" Morrison, his co-manager, John Brown, said. Cayton admitted that his only interest was in having a good time and "women, women, women. Even before he appeared in Rocky V as Tommy Gunn, he was like a magnet to women". However, his training team locked him up for eight weeks in the Virginia Military Institute. "It was 1,200 guys in a very disciplined, very spartan atmosphere," Morrison said. "Before, once I got in the gym, I was fine. Before and after came the distractions, girlfriends calling, going out till two and three in the morning. I wasn't doing the proper things."

Morrison has been preparing special moves in secret training sessions to get past Foreman's big arms, but Morrison's aggressive style will leave his chin open to blows from the big man. Even at 44, Foreman can put knockout punches together with remarkable accuracy.

Morrison was floored twice by Carl Williams and given a severe belting by Ray Mercer and it is almost certain that, if Foreman catches him cleanly, Morrison will hit the floor again. However, Foreman has been showing signs of losing his appetite for the game. Whereas in the earlier bouts of his return he used to walk through his opponents, latterly he has been hesitant and has appeared to lose concentration.

Much will depend on whether old age has actually caught up with Foreman. If Foreman really wants to win, he should be too experienced for Morrison; if the big man shows the slightest sign of ageing in the ring, Morrison could knock him out. If Morrison gets past Foreman convincingly, he should be regarded as a genuine challenger for Lewis's and Bowe's titles.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PORTSMOUTH: Pearl European relays meeting (including field events international): Men: 4x100m: 1, Ukraine, 38.85sec; 2, Britain (M Adam, T Jarrett, J Regis, J John), 38.86; 3, Italy, 39.42. 4x200m: 1, Ukraine, 1min 21.32secs, 2, Britain (J John, M Adam, D Braithwaite, J Regis), 1:21.54, 3, Russia, 1:21.63. 4x400m: 1, Russia, 3:01.87; 2, Britain (W McDonald, R Black, A Mafe, D Grindley), 3:02.29; 3, Italy, 3:04.08; 4x800m: 1, Belorussia, 7:11.42; 2, Russia, 7.11.98. 3, Britain (S Heard, D Sharpe, M Yates, C Robb), 7:12.68; 4x110m hurdles: 1, Britain (T Jarrett, A Tulloch, D Nelson, C Jackson), 54.67; 2, Ukraine, 55.07; 3, Russia, 55.12; Medley relay (100m, 200m, 300m, 400m) 1, Russia, 1.49.68; 2, Italy, 1:50.40, 3, Ukraine, 1:50.87; 5, Britain (L Christie, D Campbell, S Wariso, K Akabusi), 1.52.34. Emsley Carr mile: 1, P Hennock (Zim), 3:57.06; 2, K McKey (Sale), 3:57.26; 3, J Mayock (Barnsley), 3:57.30. Invitation 3,000m: 1, S Cram (Jarrow), 7:54.22; 2, G Staines (Belgrave), 7:54.62; 3, E Martin (Basildon), 7:56.93. Hammer: 1, E Sgrulletti (It), 77.74m; 2, L Radel (Hun), 69.66; 3, E Calabro (It), 69.06, 4, M Jones (GB), 68.20; 8, P Vivian (GB), 67.52. Discus: 1, A Horvath (Hun), 62.82m; 2, R Weir (GB), 58.56; 3, D Fortuna (Italy), 58.16; 6, G Smith (GB), 50.16; High jump: 1, D Grant (GB), 2.26m, 2, B Reilly (GB), 2.23; 3, P Deutsch (Hun), 2.23. Pole vault: 1, A Pegoraro (It), 5.40m; 2, N Winter (GB), 5.30; 3, N Salmaso (Italy), 5.20; 7, N Buckfield (GB), 4.80; Javelin: 1, M Hill (GB), 81.48m; 2, C MacKenzie (GB), 78.00; 3, J Belak (Hun), 67.82; Triple jump: 1, T Czingler (Hun), 17.25m, 2, J Edwards (GB), 16.79; 3, J Golley (GB), 16.73. Women: AAA 10,000m championship: 1, V McPherson (Glasgow), 33:49.29; 2, L Adam (Parkside), 34:00.12; 3, A Rose (Edinburgh Woollen), 34:35.73; Invitation 1,500m: 1, Y Murray (Edinburgh), 4:12.37, 2, D Gunning (Swindon), 4:14.94; 3, M Faherty (Skyrac), 4:15.37; 4x100m: 1, Ukraine 43.55; 2, Germany 43.59; 3, Britain (D Hogarth, B Kinch, S Short, M Richardson), 44.41; 4x200m: 1, Russia, 1:31.49 (UK allcomers' record); 2, Ukraine, 1:31.96; 3, Germany, 1.32.30, 4, Britain (S Jacobs, P Cohen, S Douglas, S Short), 1.34.00, 5, Ireland (M Smith, E Haastrup, T Horgan, E Nicholson), 1:39.22; 4x400m: 1, Britain (P Smith, T Goddard, J Stoute, S Gunnell), 3:24.36, 2, Russia, 3:24.62; 3, Ukraine, 3:29.05; 4x800m: 1, Russia, 7:57.08 (allcomers record); 2, Romania, 7:57.21; 3, Belorussia, 8:03.95; 6, Britain (P Fryer, L Gibson, L Keough, D Modahl), 8.20.73; 4x100m hurdles: 1, Russia, 52.00; 2, Ukraine, 52.30; 3, Britain (J Agyepong, S Baker, L Fraser, S Farquharson), 53.63; Medley relay: 1, Russia, 2:01.10; 2, Ukraine, 2:02.32; 3, Britain (D Hogarth, S Jacobs, L Fraser, S Leigh), 2:05.13; Long jump: 1, Y Idowu (GB), 6.42m; 2, F May (GB), 6.39; 3, E Andretti (It), 6.14, 4 T Horgan (Ire; guest), 6.08; Shot: 1, M Augee (GB), 16.47m; 2, M Lynes (GB), 16.09; 3, M Torazza (It), 15.79.

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division (at Birmingham).: 100m: M Rosswess (Birchfield), 10.80sec; 200m: Rosswess, 21.13; 400m: D McKenzie (Shaftesbury Barnet), 46.48; 800m: S Fairbrother (Haringey), 1.49.54; 1,500m: Halliday, 3:52.94; 5000m: K Tadesse (Belgrave), 14:25.29; 3,000m steeplechase: K Penney (Haringey), 8:58.63; 110m hurdles: N Owen (Belgrave), 14.24, 400m hurdles: B Whitts (Haringey), 50.91; High jump: H Pierre (Haringey), 2.05, Pole vault: I Tullett (Belgrave), 4.80; Long jump: J Munroe (Thames Valley), 7.61; Triple jump: J Herbert (Haringey), 15.14; Shot: P Edwards (Belgrave), 17.56; Discus: K Brown (Birchfield), 53.70; Hammer: P Head (Newham and Essex), 70.16; Javelin: M Roberson (Haringey), 74.78; 4x100m relay: Shaftesbury Barnet, 41.40; 4x400 relay: Shaftesbury Barnet, 3:11.38. Match result: 1, Haringey, 359pts; 2, Belgrave, 315; 3, Birchfield, 308.5; 4, Shaftesbury Barnet, 277. Overall (after two matches): 1, Haringey, 18pts; 2, Belgrave, 14; 3, Birchfield, 9 (568.5 match points); 4, Thames Valley, 9 (556).

LIMASSOL, Cyprus: Women's European Cup: Final placings: 1, Sisport Fiat (It), 238.5pts; 2, Levski Sofia (Bul), 235; 3, IBL Olympia (Slovakia), 222. British placing: 7, Birchfield Harriers, 197.5.

SEVILLE: Grand prix meeting: Men: 100m: D Mitchell (US), 10.50sec; 200m: F Fredericks (Nam), 20.82; 800m: P Piekarski (Pol), 1min 47.16sec; 1,500m: F Cacho (Sp), 3:36.30; 110m hurdles: M McKoy (Can), 13.55, 3,000m steeplechase: W Van Dijck (Bel), 8:27.19; Triple jump: L Voloshin (Rus), 17.55m; Hammer: I Astapkovich (Belo), 82.28m. Women: 100m: N Vorovna (Russ), 11.51; 200m: N Vorovna (Russ), 23.02; 400m hurdles: V Ordina (Russ), 55.33; 1,500m: C Sacramento (Por), 4:15.81; 3,000m: 1, Y Romanova (Rus), 8:54.70; 3, A Wyeth (GB), 8:57.25; 100m hurdles: L Martin (US), 13.18; High jump: S Kostadinova (Bul), 1.97; Long jump: H Drechsler (Ger), 7.08.

STOCKHOLM: Marathon: 1, D Mbuli (SA), 2hr 16min 30sec; 2, H Jones (GB), 2:17:29; 3, C Kundrotas (Lith), 2:17:38.

MELBOURNE: Marathon: Men: 1, J Modiga (SA), 2hr 15min 8sec. Women: 1, D Rembert (Fr), 2:44:22.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Montreal Expos 3, Chicago Cubs 1, Colorado Rockies 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Houston Astros 7, New York Mets 2; Florida Marlins 6, San Diego Padres 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Atlanta Braves 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, San Francisco Giants 2. Postponed: St Louis at Cincinnati. Saturday: San Francisco Giants 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; Cincinnati Reds 8, St Louis Cardinals 2; Philadelphia Phillies 8, Colorado Rockies 2; Montreal Expos 6, Chicago Cubs 3; Houston Astros 7, New York Mets 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Atlanta Braves 1; Florida Marlins 3, San Diego Padres 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Minnesota Twins 3, Cleveland Indians 2; California Angels 8, Detroit Tigers 3; Baltimore Orioles 8, Seattle Mariners 5 (10 inns); Toronto Blue Jays 4, Oakland Athletics 3 (12 inns); Boston Red Sox 1, Chicago White Sox 0; Kansas City Royals 3, Milwaukee Brewers 2, Texas Rangers 5, New York Yankees 3. Saturday: Detroit Tigers 5, California Angels 1; Cleveland Indians 7, Minnesota Twins 6; Toronto Blue Jays 9, Oakland Athletics 5; Baltimore Orioles 5, Seattle Mariners 3; Chicago White Sox 11, Boston Red Sox 3; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Kansas City Royals 2; New York Yankees 9, Texas Rangers 6.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Eastern Conference finals: Third round play-off: Chicago Bulls 96, New York Knicks 88 (Chicago win best-of-seven series 4-2)

WROCLAW, Poland: European championship qualification tournament: Semi-finals: Group E: Latvia 93, Belarus 79; Croatia 107, Ukraine 78 Group F: Bosnia-Herzegovina 94, Estonia 87; Slovenia 111, Poland 101 Croatia and Slovenia qualify for championship.

BOWLS

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP: Group 1A: Cumbria 147, Durham 125; Lancashire 104, Yorkshire 104. Group 1B: Derbyshire 104, Lincolnshire 113; Northumberland 119, Nottinghamshire 111. Group 2A: Hertfordshire 122, Warwickshire 100; Norfolk 110, Essex 97. Group 2B: Cambridgeshire 103, Northamptonshire 132; Huntingdonshire 108, Bedfordshire 111. Group 3A: Isle of Wight 113, Surrey 131, Middlesex 106, Berkshire 124. Group 3B: Kent 135, Sussex 104. Group 4A: Gloucestershire 116, Herefordshire 108; Somerset 111, Worcestershire 111. Group 4B: Cornwall 116, Devon 127; Dorset 108, Wiltshire 122.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOW: Hobley Open: 1, T Brown (Quitas du Corta); 2, R Bevis Kamelia); 3, L Edgar (Everest Radiant); Sceptre West of England open championship: 1, P Tuckwell (Miss Africa); 2, L Pinney (Flandre); 3, J Cleeland (Bluebell Marlin); Royal Bath and West of England grand prix: 1, J Whitaker (Grannusch); 2, G Billington (Rhapsody); 3, J Cleeland (Finance).

JERVAULX ABBEY, Yorkshire: Audi Challenge: Fourth round: 1, B Gray (Highwaymen), 24.84 penalty pts; 2, D Bratley (Royal George), 31.70, 3, G Stone (Humber Dancer), 31.96.

COMPIEGNE, France: Continental Cup three-day event: Final placings: 1, Yarlande Summer Song (M-C Duroy, Fr), 66.6pts; 2, Rosendael (F De Rombley, Fr), 68.95; 3, Too Smart (K Dixon, GB), 71.0.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Oceania play-off: Second leg: Australia 3, New Zealand 0 (agg: 4-0; in Melbourne). Asian Group D: South Korea 4, Hong Kong 1, Bahrain 0, Lebanon 0 (in Seoul).

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 4, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Hamburg 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Karlsruhe 3, Borussia Dortmund 0; Bochum 3, Wattenscheid 1; Nuremberg 4, Saarbrücken 1; Schalke 3, Bayern Munich 3; VfB Stuttgart 0, Werder Bremen 3; Bayer Uerdingen 0, Cologne 0; Kaiserslautern 2, Dynamo Dresden 0. Leading final positions (after 34 matches): 1, Werder Bremen, 48pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 47; 3, Eintracht Frankfurt, 42; 4, Borussia Dortmund, 41; 5, Bayer Leverkusen, 40; 6, Karlsruhe, 39.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ancona 0, Atalanta 2; Brescia 3, Sampdoria 1; Cagliari 4, Pescara 0; Fiorentina 6, Foggia 2; Genoa 2, AC Milan 2; Internazionale 3, Torino 0; Juventus 4, Lazio 1; Napoli 1, Parma 1; Roma 1, Udinese 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 2, Sevilla 1; Deportivo Coruña 3, Cadiz 0; Real Madrid 2, Real Sociedad 0.

BELGIAN CUP: Final: Standard Liège 2, Charleroi 0.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Martin 0, Independiente 2; Belgrano 0, Estudiantes 0; Velez Sarsfield 0, Rosario Central 2; Huracan 2, Argentinos Juniors 1; Ferrocaril Oeste 1, San Lorenzo 4; River Plate 1, Lanus 1; Newell's Old Boys 0, Talleres 1; Gimnasia 0, Deportivo Mandiyu 2; Racing Club 2, Platense 1. Leading positions: 1, Velez Sarsfield, played 17, 25pts; 2, Independiente, 17, 22; 3, River Plate, 16, 21.

BRAZILIAN CUP: Final: Second leg: Cruzeiro 2, Gremio 1 (Cruzeiro win 2-1 on agg). Rio de Janeiro league: Second stage: Vasco da Gama 3, Americano 3; Itaperuna 1, Flamengo 1. Sao Paulo league: Second stage: Group one: Guarani 3, Rio Branco 2; Palmeiras 4, Ferroviaria 1, Group two: São Paulo 6, Santos 1; Novorizontino 0, Cruzeiro 3.

JAPANESE LEAGUE: Verdy Kawasaki 1, Yokohama Flugels 1 (penalties 5-4); JEF United Ichihara 1, Shimizu S-Pulse 2 (two extra periods); Yokohama Marinos 0, Kashima Antlers 2; Gamba Osaka 3, Nagoya Grampus Eight 1; Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1, Urawa Red Diamonds 0.

GOLF

DUBLIN, Ohio: Memorial Tournament: Third round (US unless stated): 202: P Stewart, 69, 66, 67. 205: P Azinger, 68, 69, 68. 206: B Glasson, 69, 69, 68. 207: D Love, 66, 72, 69, J McGovern, 67, 71, 69. 208: F Couples, 67, 68, 73; V Singh (Fiji), 71, 69, 68; C Pavin, 69, 70, 69; D Hart, 67, 71, 70; B Faxon, 69, 69, 70. 209: J Haas, 67, 70, 72; W Levi, 68, 69, 72. 210: B Crenshaw, 70, 69, 71; G Norman (Aus), 68, 68, 74; J Ozaki (Japan), 67, 70, 73; G Twiggs, 70, 69, 71, K Perry, 67, 74, 69.

SHIBATA, Japan: Men's tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 273: Y Mizumaki, 70, 64, 69, 70; H Meshiai, 72, 69, 66, 66; T Watanabe, 70, 64, 68, 71 (Mizumaki won at sixth hole of sudden-death play-off). 275: K Murota, 69, 68, 71, 67 278: T Higa, 70, 71, 71, 66; S Maruyama, 74, 66, 67, 69; K Takami, 68, 67, 73, 70; M Kimura, 70, 68, 70, 70. 279: T Nakamura, 72, 68, 71, 68; Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan), 71, 66, 73, 69; S Ginn (Sing), 72, 68, 70, 69; B Franklin (Can), 73, 70, 67, 69. Other scores: 280: Lin Chie-hsiang (Taiwan), 70, 70, 67, 73; T Gale (Aus), 67, 72, 68, 73. 281: R Mackay (Aus), 72, 72, 66, 71; B Jones (Aus), 71, 65, 73, 72. 285: G Warren (Aus), 75, 69, 70, 71.

ROYAL CINQUE PORTS GC: Bar Golfing Society tournament: Fourth round: P Norris bt Mr Justice Clarke, 1 hole; M Shaw bt D McEvoy, QC, 1 hole. A Barnett bt M Neill, 1 hole; R Percival bt Judge Ronnie Livesey, QC, 2 and 1, R Anelay, QC bt J Davies, 3 and 2; Mr Justice Connell bt O Saxby, 1 hole; R Dyson bt R Hayward, 19th hole; N Stewart bt G Cohen, 3 and 2. Fifth round: Norris bt Shaw, 1 hole; Percival bt Barnett, 2 and 1; Anelay bt Mr Justice Connell, 5 and 4; Stewart bt R Dyson, 2 and 1. Semi-finals: Norris bt Percival, 1 hole; Stewart bt Anelay, 3 and 2. Final: Stewart bt Norris, 2 and 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup final: Montreal Canadiens 4, Los Angeles Kings 3 (OT) (Montreal lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTH SCOTTISH RALLY: Final positions: 1, R Burns and R Reid, Subaru Legacy, 2hr 32min 4sec; 2, A McRae and D Senior, Subaru Legacy, 2:35:10; 3, R Head and C Roy, Ford Escort, 2:41:10

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: TT races (37.73 mile Mountain Course): Formula One race (six laps, 226.38 miles): 1, N Jefferies, 750 Honda, 1hr 54min 57.2sec, 2, P McCallen, 750 Honda, 1:55:12.4; 3, S Ward, 750 Honda, 1:55:32.0; 4, J Griffiths, 750 Honda, 1:55:57.4. Sidecar (113.19 miles): 1, D Molyneux and K Ellison, 600 Yamaha, 1:05.43.4; 2, D Saville and N Roche, 350 Sabre, 1:06.09.0; 3, E Wright and P Hill, 600 Honda, 1:06.27.0.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Otago 37, British Isles XV 24 (in Dunedin)

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Canada 14, England 19 (in Ottawa); Namibia 23, Wales 38 (in Windhoek); Tonga 5, Scotland 23 (in Nuku'alofa); Western Samoa 27, Fiji 3 (in Apia).

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Castres 14, Grenoble 11 (in Paris).

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Manly-Warringah 10, Canberra Raiders 21; Brisbane Broncos 36, Western Suburbs 16; Balmain 12, Gold Coast Seagulls 6; St George 2, North Sydney 9; Illawarra Steelers 30, Cronulla-Sutherland 0.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 66, Arena Essex 42. Second division: Swindon 60, Middlesbrough 47.

SQUASH

DUBAI: The Emirates International team challenge: Final: English Lions 1, Dubai All Stars 2 (P Marshall bt Zarak Jahan Khan, 14-17, 15-10, 2-15, 15-11, 15-6; D Harris lost to Zubair Jahan Khan, 15-8, 15-7, 15-10; R Hill lost to Jafar Khan, 15-10, 15-17, 15-5, 15-110.

TENNIS

BECKENHAM: Direct Line Insurance tournament: Men's singles: Semi-final: D Wheaton (US) bt K Flach (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; C Bailey (GB) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 Final: Wheaton bt Bailey, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: J Stoltenberg and N Borwick (Aus) wo E Ferreira and G Stafford (SA), scr; C Bailey and M Petchey (GB) wo D Dilucia and B MacPhie (US), scr. Women's singles: Final: M Navratilova (US) bt K Boogert (Holl), 6-3, 6-3 Women's doubles: Final: M Jaggard-Lai and K Radford (Aus) bt C Cunningham and L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-3, 6-1.

TRAMPOLINING

ASHFORD, Kent: London and South East region: Individual: Men: 1, S McLoughlin (Hayes, Middlesex), 62.2; 2, A Talent (Poole), 61.0; 3, C Mayo (Harlow), 60.2. Women: 1, A Holmes (Dunstable), 35.00; 2, C Wright (Bracknell), 33.5; 3, N Stelling (Harlow), 33.1.

SWIMMING

MONACO: International meeting: Saturday: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, R Mazuolis (Lith), 49.97sec; 2, G Borges (Bra), 51.26; 3, Y Mukhin (Russ), 51.38. 100m backstroke: 1, R Bizub (Czech), 58.73, 2, L Bianchin (It), 58.44; 3, F Gravel (Can), 58.47. 50m breaststroke: 1, S Vossart (Fr), 29.26; 2, V Elkseev (Isr), 29.38; 3, K Cawood (SA), 29.44; 4, E Wunderlich (US), 29.69 200m breaststroke: 1, V Elkseev (Isr), 2:18.17; 2, S Vossart (Fr), 2:18.45; 3, P Lehtinen (Fin), 2:19.26. 50m butterfly: 1, P Morales (US), 25.24; 2, V Kulikov (Russ), 25.38, 3, L Tilman (SA), 25.48; 4, M Henderson (US), 25.50. 200m butterfly: 1, M Stewart (US), 2:03.08; 2, V Hanski (Fin), 2:03.82, 3, E Namesnik (US), 2:06.15. 200m medley: 1, A Savitski (Kaz), 2:05.77; 2, G Albertyn (SA), 2:08.44; 3, P Lehtinen (Fin), 2:06.53. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, E Ermakova (Kaz), 26.16sec; 2, M Kriel (SA), 26.30; 3, E Shubina (Russ), 26.41; 4, H Muller (SA), 27.44. 200m freestyle: 1, P Harmikivi (Fin), 2:04.26; 2, T Elliott (SA), 2:04.83; 3, K Regal (Isr), 2:08.43. 50m backstroke: 1, N Zhivanevskaya (Russ), 29.41; 2, M Kriel (SA), 29.89; 3, J Burkman (SA), 30.82; 4, A Kempf (Fr), 31.53. 200m backstroke: 1, N Zhivanevskaya (Russ), 2:16.05; 2, H Ricardo (Fr), 2:18.53; 3, J Burkman (SA), 2:19.17. 100m breaststroke: 1, M Dalla Valle (It), 1:11.64; 2, E Donati (It), 1:12.73; 3, L Henri (Fr), 1:13.65. 100m butterfly: 1, I Tocchini (It), 1:02.23; 2, N Krupskaya (Russ), 1:02.37; 3, R Rebollo (Sp), 1:05.08. Yesterday: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, R Mazuolis (Lith), 22.24, 2, A Popov (Rus), 22.29; 3, R Gusperti (It), 22.92. 200m freestyle: 1, Y Mukhin (Rus), 1:52.14; 2, C Marchand (Fr), 1.53.05; 3, G Borges (Br), 1:53.52. 50m backstroke: 1, N Dubreuil (Fr), 27.32; 2, F Gravel (Can), 27.47; 3, P Colongue (Fr), 27.48; 4, G Albertyn (SA), 27.83. 200m backstroke: 1, R Bizub (Cz), 2:01.01; 2, L Bianchin (It), 2:01.83; 3, R Sharp (US), 2:02.41. 100m breaststroke: 1, S Vossart (Fr), 1:03.86; 2, V Elkseev (Isr), 1:03.88; 3, A Savitski (Kaz), 1:04.18. 100m butterfly: 1, V Kulikov (Rus), 54.80, 2, L Laera (It), 55.24; 3, P Morales (US), 55.47. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, E Ermakova (Kaz), 56.33sec; 2, E Shubina (Rus), 57.06; 3, T Elliott (SA), 58.01. 100m backstroke: 1, N Zhivaneskaya (Rus), 1:02.16; 2, M Kriel (SA), 1:03.24; 3, J Brukman (SA), 1:05.28. 50m breaststroke: 1, M Dalla Valle (It), 33.48; 2, E Donati (It), 33.99; 3, T Neude (SA), 34.34; 4, N Giguere (Can), 34.85 200m breaststroke: 1, E Donati (It), 2:34.33; 2, N Giguere (Can), 2:35.49, 3, M Dalla Valle (It), 2:35.27. 50m butterfly: 1, M Kriel (SA), 28.15; 2, S O'Neil (Aus), 28.22; 3, N Krupskaya (Rus), 28.95; 3, A Quadri (Switz), 29.07. 200m butterfly: 1, S O'Neill (Aus), 2:11.61; 2, I Tocchini (It), 2:16.97, 3, A Angelot (Fr), 2:19.54 200m medley: 1, L Manhalova (Cz), 2:20.23; 2, C Bonnel (Fr), 2:22.26, 3, K Regal (Isr), 2:23.00

BARCELONA: Men: 200m medley: 1, J Sievinen (Fin), 2min 2.08sec; 2, A Batukhtin (Russ), 2:08.84, 3, J Carrasco (Sp), 2.06.64. Women: 400m freestyle: 1, J Evans (US) 4:14.92; 2, M Nilsson (Swe), 4:17.72; 3, O Kirichenko (Russ), 4:19.16. 100m freestyle: 1, S O'Neill (Aus), 56.38; 2, M Moravcova (Slovkia), 56.82; 3, A Martino (US), 56.97 100m butterfly: 1, O'Neill, 1:00.91; 2, P Thomas (Aus), 1:01.64; 3, M Stromberg (Swe), 1:02.43.

VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S WORLD LEAGUE: Group A: United States bt Germany, 3-0; Brazil bt Japan, 3-1; United States bt Germany, 3-1. Group B: South Korea bt China, 3-2, Cuba bt Finland, 3-0; Italy bt Holland, 3-1, Cuba bt Finland 3-0.

WOMEN'S WORLD GRAND PRIX: Germany bt Japan, 3-2; China bt Japan, 3-1; United States bt Germany 3-1; Cuba bt Russia, 3-1; Brazil bt South Korea, 3-2.

BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: World championships: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: H Susanto (Indo) bt J Olsson (Swe), 15-9, 15-9 Semi-finals: H Susanto (Indo) bt T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den), 10-15, 15-2, 15-10, J Supriarto bt A Wiranata (Indo), 18-14, 15-3. Final: Supriarto bt Susanto, 15-5, 15-11. Men's doubles: Quarter-finals: Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong (China) bt D Kantono and A Antonius (Indo), 17-15, 18-18, 18-16; P Axelsson and P Johnsson (Swe) bt J Holst-Christensen and T Lund (Den), 9-15, 15-9, 15-4. Semi-finals: Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang (Mal) bt Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong, 15-6, 15-5, R Subagja and R Gunawan (Indo) bt P Axelsson and P Jonsson (Swe), 15-8, 11-15, 15-4. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: S Susanti (Indo) bt Lee Heung-Soon (Kor), 2-11, 11-3, 11-2; Tang Jiuhong (China) bt S Kusumawardhani (Indo), 2-11, 11-8, 11-1 Semi-finals: Bang Soo-Hyun (Kor) bt Tang Jiuhong, 11-3, 10-12, 12-10; Susanti bt Ye Zhaoying (China), 12-10, 12-10 Final: Susanti bt Bang Soo-Hyun, 7-11, 11-9, 11-3. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: L Olsen and L Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bt Y Fen and L Yan Fen (Chn), 15-12, 13-15, 17-16; Nong Qunhua and Zhou Lei (China) bt M Bengtsson and C Bengtsson (Swe), 13-15, 18-15, 15-12. Semi-finals: Nong Qunhua and Zhou Lei bt Olsen and Stuer-Lauridsen, 15-2, 15-13; Chen Ying and Wu Yuhong (China) bt Chung So Young and Gil Young-Ah (Kor), 15-7, 6-15, 15-11 Final: Nong Qunhua and Zhou Lei bt Chen Ying and Wu Yuhong, 15-5, 15-10. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang (Mal) bt Y Yong-Sung and H Tae-Kwon (Kor), 15-8, 15-8. Semi-finals: T Lund (Den) and C Bengtsson (Swe) bt N Ponting and G Clark (Eng), 15-8, 18-15; J Holst-Christensen and G Mogensen (Den) bt A Miranat and Eliza (Indo), 15-5, 15-4 Final: Lund and Mogensen bt Holst-Christensen and Mogensen, 10-15, 15-6, 15-12.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC National 25-mile championship (Cornwall): 1, C Boardman (North Wirral Velo), 48min 45sec (course and championship record); 2, G Obree (Leo RC), 48.55, 3, P Jennings (North Wirral Velo), 52.00. Team: North Wirral Velo 2:34:51. Scottish 25-mile championship (Ayr): D Hannah (Denny RC), 53.45 Team: GS Modena 2:45:29. Stockton Wheelers (50 miles) P Widsmith (Barnesbury CC), 1:47.10 (course record). Team: Stockton Wheelers 5.43:23. Sussex CA (50 miles). P Panagi (Hastings and St Leonards CC), 1:55:05. Team: GS Stella 6:07:11 West Cheshire TTCA (50 miles): A Roberts (Crewe Clarion Wheelers), 1.57:02. Team: Crewe Clarion Wheelers 5:56:51. Vegetarian C and AC (Ilchester, Somerset, 25 miles): C Brooks (VC Camelot), 53:03. Team: VC Camelot 2:48:20 South Eastern RC (25 miles): J Woodburn (Antelope RT), 55:31. Team: Festival RC 2:58:38

ROAD RACES: BCF Divisional championships: Merseyside (102 miles): A Roche (Liverpool Mercury), 4:33:07. Manchester (96 miles): A Collis (SG Bollington), 3.48:45. North London (95 miles): D Staff (North Road RT), 3:47:28 West Yorkshire (93 miles): P Ambler (Featherstone RC), 3:58:50 Lakeland and Lancashire (93 miles) I Lilley (Kent Valley RC), 4:09:56. North Midlands (93 miles): N Martin (Dorrington RC), 3:40:00 Coventry (91 miles). R Chamberlain (Sapphire RC), 3:46:00 Western (88 miles): P Argent (BCF), 4:07:00 North Humberside (87 miles): P Kettle (City RC, Hull), 3:46.52. West London (85 miles): P Crook (Ross Wheelers), 3:26:04. Cleveland (81 miles) C Newton (Middridge CRT), 3:21.18. Glasgow-Dunoon (76 miles) G Hard (City of Edinburgh RC), 2:38 00.

GIRO D'ITALIA: Thirteenth stage (Asago to Corvara Alta Badia, 217km) (Italy unless stated). 1, M Argentin, 6hr 13min 40sec; 2, M Lelli; 3, G Bugno, 4, M Indurán (Sp), 5, M Fondriest, 6, B Leali, all same time. Fourteenth stage (in Corvara Alta Badia, 250km): 1, C Chiappucci, 7hr 27min 34sec, 2, Indurán, 1sec behind, 3, V Pulnikov (Ukr); 4, P Tonkov (Russ), 5, Lelli, all same time, 6, P Ugrumov (Lat), 20. Irish placing: 11, S Roche, 4:53.

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE LIBERE: Fifth stage (Bonneville to Grenoble, 191km) 1, L Dufaux (Switz), 5hr 20min 8sec. 2, R Virenque (Fr), 9sec behind; 3, T Claveyrolat (Fr), 22.

TOUR OF THE ASTURIAS: Fifth stage. 1, V Ekimov (Russ), 5hr 23min 33sec, 2, P Delgado (Sp), same time; 3, E Breukink (Holl), at 8sec. British placing: 5, R Millar, 32.

ROWING

DOCKLANDS REGATTA: Saturday: Eights: Open: Imperial College, 4min 58sec Senior 1: Reading University, 5.05 Senior 2: Thames, 5.12. Women's Senior 1: Reading University, 5.58. Coxed fours: Open: London University, 5.31 Women's open: Staines, 6:15. Coxless fours: Open: London University, 5:15; Women's open: Bedford, 6:06 Women's lightweight: Reading/Wallingford, 6:12. Quadruple Sculls: Open: Tideway Scullers, 5.11 Women's open: Tideway Scullers, 5.53 Double sculls: Open: Molesey/Cambridge 99, 5.51 Women's open: Thames, 6.31 Women's lightweight: Tideway Scullers/Kingston, 6:38 Coxless pairs: Open: Lea, 6.57. Women's open: Tideway Scullers/Thames Tradesmen, 6.36: Lightweight: Vesta, 6:09. Women's lightweight: Sons of the Thames, 6.48 Sculls: Open: Thames (Fletcher), 6:14 Women's open: Weybridge (Thomas), 6.44, Lightweight: London (Williams), 6:13 Women's lightweight: Rob Roy (White), 6.57. Under-23: Rob Roy (Stewart), 6:29

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Team matches: 300 and 600 yds (8s). 1, Army TRC, 759.64 (D Cooper 98.8), 2, North London RC, 744.61 (M Parker 99.8) 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yds (8s) 1, Hertfordshire, 1,506 (G Feast 198), 2, Surrey, 1,492 (E Molyneux 190); 3, Lloyds Bank 1,454 (M Parker 187). 900 and 1,000 yds (5s): 1, Old Lawrentians, 438.33, 2, Old Cranleighans, 435.23; 3, Lancing Old Boys, 431.31. Individual: P Thompson (Lawrentians), 91.6. Sussex RA open schools meeting: Cusack-Smith Bowl (8s) 1, Epsom, 500.28; 2, Sevenoaks, 492.22; 3 Bradfield, 490.27. Cox Cup (small schools) Hurstpierpoint, 483.27 Aylesbury Cup (individual): 1, B Harman (Bradfield), 67.10; 2, D Gillett (Sevenoaks), 66.3. Sussex Regiment Cup (Pairs): 1, Lancing, 118.4. 2, Merchant Taylors', 115.5 Cusack-Smith Memorial (cadet pairs) 1, Sevenoaks 122.6; 2, Wellingborough, 122.6 Cadet fours: 1, Sevenoaks, 243.13, 2, Wellington, 238.4

POOLS CHECK

Victoria First division: Altona 1, Western 2; Bell Park 0, Northcote 0; Broadmeadows 2, Pt Melbourne 1; Doncaster 5, Oakleigh 1; Frankston 4, Richmond 2. Second division: Bentleigh 2, Nunawading 1; Box Hill 6, Sandringham 0; Chelsea 1, S Caulfield 2; Clennda 2, Springvale 1; Clifton Hill 3, Mooroolbark 2; Doveton 0, E Brunswick 1; Sunbury 1, Waverley 1. Third division: Corio 0, Lalor 5; Dandenong 2, Eltham 1; Fitzroy 2, Essendon 4; Moorabbin 1, S Dandenong 2; Pascoe Vale 3, Geelong 1; Regent 1, Keilor 0; Seaford 2, Melbourne 3. Fourth division: Boronia 1, Keringal 0; Coburg 2, Malvern 4; Cranbourne 2, Yarraville 1; Langwarrin 7, Brighton 1; Mornington 0, S H Polonia 2; Rosanna 2, S Springvale 0. Fifth division: Heidelberg 1, Forest Hill 0; Lalor 2, E Geelong 0; Melton 2, Berwick 0; Springvale 2, Ballarat 3; S Wantirna 4, Frankston 2; Westvale 5, Brandon Pk 0; Williamstown 4, Yallourn 0.

Western Australia: First division: Athena 3, Rockingham 2, North Perth 4, Bassendean 1, Osborne 1, Kelmscott 2; Sorrento 2, Inglewood 0; Spearwood 2, Fremantle B 1; Stirling M 2, Bayswater 0. Second division: Armadale Pk 1 Stirling T 1; Ashfield 1 Swan Crac 2; Balga 0 S Vardar 0; Dianella 7 Queens Pk 0, Gosnells 0 North Lake 0; Melville 1 Morley 0; Wanneroo 0 Swan I C 2. South Australia: First division: Adelaide C 1 Blue Eagles 3; Enfield 2 Modbury 1; Olympians 1 Para Hills 2; Salisbury 2 Croydon 1; Woodville 0 W T Birkalla 1.

Queensland: Third division: Albany 1 Goodna 0; Annerley 0 Newmarket 1, Latrobe 1 Logan city 0; Redlands 0 University 1.

New South Wales: Second division: Minotaur 4 Bathurst 0; Parramatta 3 Hills Utd 1.

Tasmania, North: Burnie 4 Olympic 2. Croatia 4 Somerset 0.

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FORECAST: No claims are required this week and the dividend forecast is very low. Only two dividends will be paid.

TODAY' FIXTURES

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
Final day of five
11.0
Old Trafford: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
Final day of four
11.0
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Gloucestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex
MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire v Glamorgan

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day) Durham City CC: Durham v Derbyshire. Shenley: Middlesex v Kent, Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire

OTHER SPORT

MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man)

SPEEDWAY: First division: Wolverhampton v Eastbourne. Second division: Exeter v Edinburgh.

TENNIS: Stella Artois Championships (Queen's Club), Birmingham Classic (Edgbaston)

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Rivals fall away as leader's record 63 captures title at Woburn by seven shots

Master Baker picks up the dough

John Hopkins reports on the day golf became a sublime game again for a runaway champion

GOLF can be a sublime game when it goes right, as it did for Peter Baker in the sultry heat at Woburn yesterday. He began the day with a one-stroke lead and ended it £100,000 richer after a runaway, seven-stroke victory in the Dunhill British Masters.

It could have gone wrong for Baker, 25, who is not experienced at leading tournaments and has had a couple of years in the wilderness. Furthermore, he said he was not completely at ease with the swing changes he had been making. Just to put a little more pressure on Baker's wide shoulders, there were one or two very experienced players lurking behind him as he set out for the fourth round, notably Ronan Rafferty, Sandy Lyle and Mark James.

So the tournament was Baker's to lose. In fact, though, he went out and won it fair and square, playing with great coolness. Whereas in the third round he had looked to be faltering, like a marathon runner hitting the wall, in the fourth he played quite beautifully.

He set a course record of 63, beating the 64 with which he had equalled it in the second round. And his 22-under par total beat by one stroke the tournament record Nick Faldo set in 1988. He had 17 birdies, four eagles and three bogeys in his four rounds.

"I was pleasantly surprised at how well I played," Baker said. "I thought before I started that if I could shoot a 68 or a 69 I would probably win. I never thought about a 63. I was nervous at the start of the round; anyone who says they're not is a very good liar, but I just got better as the round went on."

Baker quelled Joakim Haeggman's challenge as early as the sixth hole, when Baker birdied and the Swede bogeyed. The challenge of Lyle never materialised after he took 35 to the turn. Neither did Rafferty's, who was out in 36. And as for Jim Payne and James, they simply did not see Baker for dust. His outward half of 30, four under par, burned them both off.

Only Carl Mason was able to keep Baker in his sights. Using his Killer Whale driver, the same sort that the big-hitting John Daly uses, Mason reached the turn in 32, birdied the tenth and then held on with eight pars for his fourth consecutive round in the 60s. His reward was second place and a cheque of just over £66,000.

Mason is something of a second-place specialist, having finished in that position five times before on the European Tour. Any disappointment he might feel at missing out again was eased by the size of his cheque, which he said was more than three times his previous biggest. It was an early birthday present. He will be 40 in three weeks' time.

Baker said there were two shots that were very important to him. The first was the four-foot putt he sank on the 5th to save par after his tee shot had clipped a tree. The second was the ten-foot putt he managed to hole for a birdie on the 6th, the hole where Haeggman was bogeying. After that he was able to relax slightly, and slowly and inexorably he pulled away.

Once he had got his drive safely on to the fairway of the 18th, a difficult driving hole, and his second bounded over a guardian bunker, he was home and dry. He walked on to the green with a broad smile on his sunburned face.

For that matter, so did Faldo for the first time all week. His first round ended with three putts on the last green, his second with a nine on the concluding hole. Yesterday he birdied the 18th to finish with a 70 and a total of 283, five under par, and at last seemed at ease with himself. "I am quite happy," he said. "Today I played well and putted quite nicely."

He flies off to the United States on Thursday, will play the wonderful Pine Valley course on Friday and then move on to Baltusrol for an intensive week-end's practice before the US Open starts on the following Thursday.

One of Baker's strengths during a glittering career as an amateur was his nerve. Lately, he has been seeing John Allsop, a sports psychologist, who has been trying to get him to relax. "He told me not to make it all too important," Baker said. "If I hit a bad shot, so be it. We all tend to think it's life and death. It's not."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Putting on the style: Baker holes out during his record round of 63 at Woburn yesterday

SCORES

FINAL ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated), 268: P Baker, 67, 64, 72, 63. 273: C Mason, 68, 67, 69, 69. 274: T Johnstone (Zim), 70, 70, 68, 66. 276: R Chapman, 70, 69, 69, 67; R Rafferty, 68, 68, 70, 71. 278: D Feherty, 66, 68, 72, 70; J Payne, 68, 70, 68, 70; J Haeggman (Swe), 68, 67, 69, 72. 277: G Day (US), 68, 73, 71, 65. 278: C Montgomerie, 70, 69, 71, 68, P Mitchell, 71, 69, 70, 68; J Parnevik (Swe), 69, 66, 71, 72; M James, 70, 65, 71, 72; A Lyle, 70, 65, 70, 73. 279: S Torrance, 69, 67, 73, 70; B Langer (Ger), 70, 67, 71, 71; R Boxall, 67, 69, 71, 72; D Cooper, 68, 70, 68, 73. 280: M Davis, 68, 73, 72, 67; M McNulty (Zim), 70, 72, 67, 71. 281: E Romero (Arg), 71, 71, 71, 68; R Davis (Aus), 71, 70, 71, 69; E Els (SA), 68, 71, 70, 72; M Mouland, 67, 74, 68, 72; P Fowler (Aus), 73, 69, 67, 72. 282: B Lane, 69, 72, 72, 69; F Nobilo (NZ), 68, 75, 70, 69; G Brand Jr, 68, 71, 72, 70; C Rocca (It), 70, 68, 73, 71; P Curry, 73, 67, 71, 71; M Roe, 68, 71, 70, 73; I Palmer (SA), 67, 71, 70, 74.

Ellerston reign ended by Bears

BY JOHN WATSON

KERRY Packer's Ellerston White held the Queens Cup, sponsored by Dunhill, for the past two years but they lost it at Smith's Lawn yesterday to the Black Bears, the team put together by Urs Schwarzenbach.

Black Bears completed the two-week tournament with a 10-8 victory in the six-chukka final. The Merlos brothers, Pieter and Sebastian, filling the Bears' central positions, and both playing off nine handicaps, were the finest combination in the match.

Ellerston may rue the fact that they conceded so many fouls, particularly since Pieter Merlos took the penalties and proved extremely accurate, converting no fewer than six.

These Argentine brothers were supported by two young English players, Jason Dixon and the 17-year-old Oliver Hipwood, son of Britain's leading player, Howard, as the Bears held sway.

Ellerston did enjoy some glory at the end of the second chukka and during the third when their player-patron galloped from back with three fine goals to put his side up 7-4 at treading-in time.

After the Queen presented her cup to Pieter Merlos, she passed the Rosenthal Cup for the best turned-out team also to the Black Bears.

BLACK BEARS: 1, O Hipwood (1). 2, D Merlos (9). 3, P Merlos (9). Back, J Dixon (3).
ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, T Southwell (1). 2, A Cambiaso (10). 3, G Pieres (10). Back, K Packer (1).

RESULT: Alfred Dunhill Cup (at Guards Polo Club): Maple Leafs 11, Labergorce 6.
LABERGORCE: 1 B Webb (1), 2 G Heguy (10), 3 H Heguy (10). Back, H Perrodo (1).
MAPLE LEAFS: 1 G Weston Jr (2), 2 M Azzaro (9), 3 M Gracida (10). Back, G Weston Sr (1).

Andersen shows climbing class

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRISTIAN Andersen, who set a Milk Race stage record of 30.7mph on Friday, showed his versatility yesterday by winning again, at Great Malvern, which included the severe climb of Church Hill on each of the seven laps of the 74-mile stage.

The 0.8-mile hill, which signalled the end of each lap, is tough enough to bring quality riders to a halt if they misjudge a gear change. But it presented the 25-year-old Dane with no problems when Conor Henry, of Ireland, the 1992 race winner, burst to the front 100 yards from the line.

Andersen was on him in a flash, waited a few seconds and then forged ahead. "I looked back under my arm to see that no one was on my wheel," he said, after spending most of the race sitting with the main pack to conserve energy.

His tactics almost failed when he missed a breakaway group that formed four miles from the end and took a lead of 20 seconds. But the *peloton* whipped up the pace and the field were soon together again.

Andersen, who races with a Swiss club in Mendrisio, said he is looking forward to the route this week. Compared with the opening stages, it is tailor-made for the climbing specialists before the race ends in Manchester on Saturday. Andersen fell during the prologue time-trial at Tunbridge Wells and needed antibiotics for a badly-torn left forearm.

"The effect of the antibiotics is starting to improve and I'm feeling a lot better," he said. "I ought to be back to top form in the next few days."

He should benefit from the rest day today but, like all the 96 race survivors, will still have two hours gentle riding to keep his leg muscles supple.

The Danes have been the dominant team in the first week of the 1,150-mile race, their riders winning four of the seven stages. After his win yesterday, Andersen decided to ride the 30 miles back to his Birmingham hotel.

Chris Lillywhite, of Britain, who finished eighth, kept second place overall — 33 seconds behind the yellow jersey of Nico Mattan, of Belgium, who missed the break on the last lap.

Mattan lost time — nine seconds — to Lillywhite on the final climb. Banana, Lillywhite's team, has now taken second, third and fourth places overall.

RESULTS AND STANDINGS

SIXTH STAGE (Stratford-on-Avon to Leicester, 103 miles): 1, B Luckwell (GB, Banana), 3hr 47min 40sec, 2, M van Steen (Holl), 3, J Charlesworth (Britannia); 4, S Wolhuter (SA, Southern Sun); 5, R Holden (GB, Nelson-Tivoli), 6, N Mattan (Bel), all same, 7, I Chivers (Ire), at 2sec; 8, M Erzen (Slov), at 2:11; 9, W Engelbrecht (SA, Southern Sun); 10, R de Pool (Holl), all same.
SEVENTH STAGE (Great Malvern circuit, 74.2 miles): 1, C Andersen (Den), 2:40:3; 2, C Henry (Ire), same time; 3, H Vogels (Austral, at 2sec; 4, A Pedersen (Nor); 5, J Mickiewicz (Pol); 6, T Pawson (NZ); 7, G Rice (Aus); 8, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana), 9, N van der Steen (Holl); 10, B Smith (GB, Banana), all same time. Overall: 1, N Mattan (Bel), 24.10.05, 2, C Lillywhite, at 33sec; 3, B Luckwell (GB, Banana), at 50sec; 4, B Smith, at 1:14; 5, C Henry, same time; 6, M Rendell (NZ), at 1:18; 7, N van der Steen (Holl), at 1:21; 8, K Marcussen (Den), at 1:23; 9, O Simensen (Nor), at 1:24; 10, A Mizourov (Kaz), at 1:28. Stage team: 1, Banana, 8:01:38; 2, Denmark, at 1sec; 3, Australia, at 4sec. Overall team: 1, Banana, 72:14:13; 2, Denmark, at 2:24; 3, Nelson-Tivoli, at 4.23.
King of the Mountains: 1, A Mizourov, 55 pts; 2, S Wolhuter (SA, Southern Sun), 36; 3 R Romanik (Pol), 34. Sprints: 1, J Mickiewicz, 19 pts; 2, C Lillywhite, 10; equal 3, B Dennis (Aus), A Kivley (Kaz), B Smith, R Holden (Nelson-Tivoli), 5.
TODAY: no racing, rest day.
TOMORROW: Eighth stage (Birmingham to Llandudno, 125 miles). Start: 9.30am. Finish 15.14.

Nervous Gunnell makes winning start to season

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

STRANGE to think that an Olympic champion should be nervous before a relay meeting which, were it boxing, would not even rank as sparring. But Sally Gunnell was apprehensive at the Pearl European Relays in Portsmouth on Saturday.

"I could not believe how nervous I was," she said. "I was shaking so much I could not put Jenny's number on."

Finally, with number fixed, Jenny Stoute ran the third leg of the 4x400m in 50.6sec and Gunnell, with 49.9, brought home the baton in 3min 24.36sec, only a whisker slower than Britain's third place time at the Barcelona Olympics.

Gunnell's anxiety had been for nothing. Why the worry? "When you know your training has been going well, you so want it to be right," she said. She looked right enough for another towering season at 400 metres hurdles.

Linford Christie should have been the worried one, but he brushed off concern over his back injury as though swatting a mosquito on this hot afternoon. "I am fit and I have not got any problems," he said.

He had missed three two-week periods of training and has been back in full swing just a fortnight. The time lost should have been less. "At first I was taking painkillers because I didn't want Carl [Lewis] to have too many days training on me; that was silly," Christie said.

All seems well now. Christie ran a sharp 100 metres leg before a changeover with Darren Campbell that turned a medley relay into a muddled one. Campbell dropped the baton, so Christie's first race of the season shows his team finished fifth.

But as the grand old man, now 33, said: "If I lose every race up to the world championships and win the world championships I will be happy." Smiling, he added: "Not that it will happen." Failing to win before Stuttgart, he meant.

Christie said that age had forced him to take fewer races. "Before, I could run more on quantity but now I have to run more on quality," he said. His pre-world championship series with Lewis now looks a non-starter.

Steve Cram's 3,000 metres victory must be kept in perspective. Though Gary Staines and Eamonn Martin are good scalps in name, Staines has been injured and Martin's legs are not yet fully adjusted from the marathon.

Cram's time, 7min 54.22sec, represents laps of 63sec, the speed at which Rob Denmark was moving for his 5,000 metres grand prix victory in Seville that evening. Cram has been training for 5,000 metres.

David Grindley, 20, may be the 400 metres British record-holder but does not feel like the No 1, not with Roger Black fit after a hip operation. "I am not really established yet," Grindley said. Black has broken 45 seconds on countless occasions while Grindley has yet to manage it outside Barcelona. Running in the 4x400m, both looked well enough for this time of the season.

The women's 10,000 metres world championship trialists suffered the consequences of a race held in midday heat. Vikki McPherson won in 33min 49.29sec, never attempting to chase the qualifying time of 32:40 because of inadequate opposition and unfavourable weather.

Martin, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, took officials to task for failing to stage the race in the cool of the day. "It's a joke," he said. "It's hot out there and the women have paid for it."

British women's pole vaulting, though, had a weekend of celebration. Kate Staples, 27, broke the national record six times yesterday in the Solent Games at Southampton, finally clearing 3.55 metres. Having begun with a best of 3.20, Staples is close to world class. Not that six records were enough. "I am disappointed I did not get 3.61," she said. "I would have liked the Commonwealth record as well."

Helped by a 400 metres hurdles in 50.91sec from Brian Whittle, Haringey won the British League match at Birmingham on Saturday and should now regain the title from Belgrave Harriers. In Limassol, Birchfield Harriers finished seventh in the women's European clubs' championship.

Christie: unworried

SPORT IN BRIEF

Arsenal join race to acquire Keane

ARSENAL have joined the race for Roy Keane, Nottingham Forest's Irish international midfield player (Peter Ball writes). The club made an official approach to Forest yesterday and will talk to the player when he returns to Ireland from a World Cup qualifying match in Latvia later this week.

After the players return from Riga, they will spend four days at a base outside Dublin before going to Lithuania for a World Cup match on June 16. Keane, however, hopes to have finalised his decision before leaving for the second match. With bidding starting in excess of £4 million, Blackburn Rovers remain favourites to outbid the champions, Manchester United, as they did last summer for Alan Shearer. Keane has agreed to talk to Arsenal; however, with a decision apparently imminent, he seems likely to end up in Lancashire.

"I know my mind, I know what I want and I know where my future lies," Keane said.

Johnson in pursuit

GOLF: Trish Johnson, of Britain, trailed Alice Ritzman and Betsy King by one stroke after the third round of the Oldsmobile Classic in Meridian Township, Michigan, on Saturday. Ritzman and King were both on 207, nine under par, one clear of Johnson and Jane Geddes. Johnson, who has won two tournaments in a season of success for Europe's women golfers, played a solid third-round 71 and Geddes a 68.

King could have moved into an outright lead but stumbled over the last four holes. Ritzman slipped back with a bogey at the 15th, but King fired into a bunker and also took a bogey. At the 18th, she missed a seven-foot birdie putt. Ritzman is still looking for her first victory in 15 years on the US women's golf tour while King, has already achieved 28 tournament victories in her career.

Barkley ignites Suns

BASKETBALL: Charles Barkley turned in a masterly performance in the seventh and deciding game of the American Western Conference finals on Saturday to lead Phoenix Suns into the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship series for the first time since 1976. Barkley scored 44 points and pulled down 24 rebounds as the Suns defeated Seattle SuperSonics 123-110 to earn a showdown with the defending NBA champions, the Chicago Bulls, on Wednesday. Chicago beat New York Knicks 4-2 in the Eastern Conference finals.

Indurain strikes back

CYCLING: Miguel Indurain, right, regained the leadership of the Tour of Italy yesterday after the mountain stage was won by the local favourite, Claudio Chiappucci. Indurain finished in the leading five in the same time as Chiappucci at the end of the 250km fourteenth stage. Chiappucci made several attempts to get away from Indurain, but the Spaniard fought back each time.

Whetton leads way

RUGBY UNION: Gary Whetton, the former New Zealand international, inspired Castres to a 14-11 victory in the French rugby championship final in Paris on Saturday. Whetton collected an up-and-under to score the crucial second-half try against Grenoble at the Parc des Princes. Grenoble, managed by the former French international scrum half, Jacques Fouroux, led 5-3 at half-time after a fine solo try by Frederic Velo. But Whetton was the key figure in a full-blooded game characterised by a series of missed penalty attempts.

Second place for Jones

ATHLETICS: The defending champion, Hugh Jones, was beaten into second place in the Stockholm marathon on Saturday by Daniel Mbuli. The 28-year-old South African broke clear at the midway stage to win in a relatively slow 2hr 16min 30sec, with Jones 59 seconds adrift and Ceslovas Kundrotas, of Lithuania, third. Jones, seeking his third victory in Stockholm — he also won the race in 1983, setting the course record of 2hr 11min 37sec — said: "When the title is yours you don't want to give up without a fight. But I expected Mbuli to run well — he's a growing talent."

Smith springs surprise

ATHLETICS: Steve Smith, from Liverpool, the world junior high jump champion, began his season in spectacular fashion on Saturday when he broke the GRE British Athletics League record with a leap of 2.33 metres in Barking. Smith, 20, produced the third highest jump in the world this summer off a shortened run-up of five strides. "He's definitely going to become the first Briton to break 2.40 this year," Vicente Modahl, his coach, said. In Portsmouth, the British men's team drew its international match against Italy, and the women won easily.

Eights honours shared

ROWING: The open eights produced a blanket finish both on Saturday and yesterday at the Docklands Regatta. Imperial College took the honours on Saturday, beating one of their likely Henley opponents, Oxford Brooks University, by just three tenths of a second with London a close third. In the absence of Brooks, homeward bound with examinations in mind, London took their revenge on IC yesterday, again with the crews overlapping. Leon Fletcher, who featured in the Wingfield sculls, won the open sculls on Saturday, and Kim Thomas won the women's open sculls.

Burns completes treble

MOTOR SPORT: Richard Burns, 22, became the youngest driver to win three successive Mobil British championship rounds when led the way home in the Perth Scottish Rally, driving a Subaru. Burns, from Reading, is now favourite to win the Mobil series with two rounds to come in Ulster and the Isle of Man. He leads by 24 points from Malcolm Wilson, who suffered a series of mechanical problems in his Ford Escort which dropped him to fifth place. Malcolm Wilson, 14 points behind after two events, suffered gearbox failure on the fifth stage.

Brothers in arms

BOXING: Kusuo Eguchi stopped his younger brother, Katsuaki, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round bout to capture the Japan straw-weight title in Tokyo on Saturday. It was the country's first title bout contested by brothers. Both turned professional in 1989. Kusuo, the top-ranked straw-weight in Japan, and Katsuaki, ranked No 3, were competing for a vacant title. Before the contest, Kusuo said: "Win or lose, I'm the one to be blamed." Kusuo, 24, and Katsuaki, 22, come from a family of ten brothers and four sisters.

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Intrepidity upholds Maktoum record

By Julian Muscat

THE Derby remains frustratingly out of reach, but Shaikh Mohammed landed his fourth Oaks in the last nine years when Intrepidity only hinted at her tremendous ability in the fillies' classic at Epsom on Saturday.

The shaikh's Oaks record would be stronger still had he not made a gift, to an associate, of the 1989 winner, Snow Bride, whom he bred. Intrepidity's victory extended the Maktoums's domination of this particular classic. They have now won seven of the last nine runnings.

For all his authority in Wednesday's Derby, Commander In Chief's 3½-length romp failed to suggest he is a colt in the highest class.

Intrepidity, by contrast, only took control of the race in the last 100 yards for something of a scrambling victory. Yet such was her impact on the Epsom scene that she towered above her 13 rivals from the moment she entered the paddock.

A daughter of the all-conquering Sadler's Wells, Intrepidity is a well-proportioned, athletic, perfectly-balanced filly with an intelligent outlook. What is more, she has a marvellous racing temperament, a considerable asset given the ambitious programme trainer Andre Fabre has in mind. Her future is bright indeed.

"I feel the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes is a big question to ask of a three-year-old so early in the season," Fabre said afterwards. "It is a possibility if she gets better and better, but the Prix Vermeille and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe make more sense in my opinion.

"That would also keep her fresh for the big end-of-year races in America. I'm sure she is good enough to take on and beat the colts."

That Fabre was able to indulge in such fighting talk seemed a most unlikely scenario after the first furlong of the race. Intrepidity stumbled after meeting some interference, and was next to last.

She appeared ill at ease even as the field, headed by the disappointing Yawl, swung round Tattenham Corner and into the straight. Her lack of hard racing experience was clearly evident. She laboured to find her best stride, changing her legs and hanging slightly against the camber of the track.

Once entering the straight, she made rapid progress in the hands of Michael Roberts and there was no doubt, from two furlongs out, the South African would be celebrating the first classic victory of his new retainer with Shaikh Mohammed. Intrepidity ultimately prevailed by three quarters of a length and a head from Royal Ballerina and Oakmead respectively and remains unbeaten after four outings.

Robert Sangster was delighted with Oakmead's third placing, yet he will have viewed Intrepidity's victory with mixed feelings. Her dam, Intrepid Lady, was owned jointly by Sangster and Stavros Niarchos until the latter elected to withdraw from the syndicate some five years ago. Consequently Intrepid Lady was sold at public auction to establish her book value and she passed out of the Sangster stud.

Intrepidity was bought privately as a foal by Shaikh Mohammed's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, a great friend of Mike Ryan, the filly's breeder. Ryan, an Irish bloodstock agent now based in the United States, has bought many talented horses and was often employed by Stroud to bid, on the shaikh's behalf, for yearlings at public auction in his adopted country. This was a notable coup for Ryan, who has few mares from which to breed.

"Intrepidity had a hernia as a foal which set her back in condition," Stroud recalled. "I went to see her on three or four occasions before we finally decided to buy her."

Intrepidity's winning time, of 2min 34.19sec on good to firm ground, narrowly broke Time Charter's 1982 record. She is Fabre's third English classic winner, and second of the season following Zafonic in the 2,000 Guineas.

Royal Ballerina, sporting the colours of Mitsuo Haga, exceeded all expectations in finishing second and now heads for the Irish Oaks, but front-running Yawl, the 4-1 favourite, weakened rapidly on reaching the straight to come home in twelfth place.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SERIOUS OPTION
(4.45 Pontefract)
Next best: Dramanice
(4.00 Nottingham)

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French flair: Intrepidity shows a classic turn of foot under Michael Roberts to master Royal Ballerina at Epsom on Saturday

BIG-RACE DETAILS

4.05 ENERGIZER OAKS (Group 1: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,500: 1m 4f 10yd)
INTREPIDITY b f Sadler's Wells - Intrepid Lady (Shaikh Mohammed) 9-0 M Roberts (5-1) 1.
Royal Ballerina b f Sadler's Wells - Fremanche (M Haga) 9-0 W J O'Connor (33-1) 2.
Oakmead b f Lomond - Amazer (R Sangster) 9-0 L Dettori (11-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 4 fav Yawl, 11-2 Wemyss Bight (5th), 7 Sueboog (4th), 9 Marillette, 10 Bashayer, 20 Gisarne, Ivza (6th), 25 Abury, Alouette, 150 Bobbie Dee, 200 Grove Daffodil. 14 ran. ¾l, hd, 5l, hd, 2½l. A Fabre in France. Tote: £5.30; £2.40, £7.10, £2.00. DF: £241.50. Trio: £301.20. CSF: £123.27. 2min 34.19sec

Boutin dominant with Hernando

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

FRANCOIS Boutin and Cash Asmussen continued their domination of this year's French classics when Hernando beat Andre Fabre's Dernier Empereur by a comfortable 2½ lengths in the group one £298,686 Prix du Jockey-Club (1m 4f) at Chantilly yesterday.

Hunting Hawk, vying to give Fabre and Sheikh Mohammed a rapid classic double after Intrepidity's Oaks success, was third, beaten a further three-quarters of a length.

Newton's Law, the sole British raider, delighted his trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, by finishing fourth. However, Regency compounded a frustrating classic week for Pat Eddery by coming home a disappointing fifth.

Asmussen has previously won both this year's French Guineas on the Boutin-trained pair, Kingmambo and Madeleine's Dream. He always had Hernando, the 2-1 favourite, close up behind the leader, Known Lover, who was just in front of Regency, his stable companion.

Regency took over approaching the quarter-mile pole, but was headed by the winner a furlong and a half out and soon dropped back.

Dernier Empereur found a clear passage up the inside to take second, without ever threatening Hernando. And Hunting Hawk, who did not have the best of runs early in the straight, stayed on well in the closing stages to be third.

Newton's Law was prominent throughout, though Chapple-Hyam felt that John Reid might have made even more use of him. Third into the straight, he kept on dourly to take the £29,869 fourth prize.

Alan Cooper, racing manager to the winning owner, Stavros Niarchos, said: "Hernando will now have a break. He is entered in the King George, the Irish Derby and the Champion Stakes, though I think his major objective will be the Arc."

Boutin was not at Chantilly, but Asmussen said: "Hernando is in fantastic shape and has improved. He has a real turn of foot."

Chantilly result

Going: good

2.50 (1m 4f) 1, HERNANDO (C Asmussen), 2, Dernier Empereur (S Guillot), 3, Hunting Hawk (T Jarnet) 11 ran. 2½l, ¾l. F Boutin in France. Pari-Mutuel (1FFr stake) 3.00 1.50. 3.50. 1.50 DF 32.50

Culture Vulture swoops

CULTURE Vulture (Richard Quinn) won the group two £43,331 Premio Emilio Turati (1m) for Paul Cole at San Siro, Milan, yesterday. She beat Prospective Ruler by a neck with John Dunlop's Ventiquattrofogli (Willie Carson) a length back in third.

Cole said that the winner will run next in the group two John Roarty International Stakes (1m) at the Curragh on June 27.

Dunlop gained compensation with a short-priced treble in three other San Siro events. Spaghetti Western won at even money on Saturday, while Ultimo Imperatore (30-100) and Di Giacomo (11-10) followed up yesterday.

Krone rides Belmont Stakes winner

Krone: classic success

JULIE Krone became the first woman rider to win an American triple crown race on Saturday when partnering the near 14-1 chance Colonial Affair to a 2¼-length victory over Kissin Kris in the grade one Belmont Stakes over 12 furlongs at Belmont Park. Wild Gale was a further three-quarters of a length back in third.

However, the event was marred by an injury to the 27-10 favourite, Prairie Bayou, who broke his near foreleg seven furlongs from the finish and had to be put down.

Colonial Affair, the least experienced runner in the 14-runner field, was taken wide down the back straight but, once given his head, picked off his rivals one by one on the turn, and then drew clear down the straight. Krone said afterwards: "About ten years ago, I watched Steve Cauthen win the Belmont. I told my mother: 'Some day, I'll do that too.'

"Down the stretch I knew I was going to do it," Krone added. "Luckily for me, he is a wonderful horse and he just kept getting faster and faster."

Krone, 29, became the most successful woman jockey of all time in 1988, having ridden horses who had earned more than $50 million. But she had never come close to a triple crown victory.

Kissin Kris ran on well to finish second and his rider, Jose Santos, said: "He might have won if he had not had to sidestep the hobbling Prairie Bayou on the back straight."

Francois Boutin's French challenger Arinthod was never in a position to challenge and was virtually eased to a walk in the straight.

The Kentucky Derby winner, Sea Hero, also proved disappointing and trailed in seventh, but still had amassed enough points to win a $1 million bonus for the best performance during the triple crown series.

Curling treble puts seal on title

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

POLLY Curling, who rode an inspired race to capture the John Corbett Cup on Friendly Lady at Stratford on Friday, clinched the women riders' point-to-point title at the Torrington Farmers on Saturday.

One up on Mandy Turner at the start of the day, she beat her rival into second place riding Cream By Post in the ladies', and went further ahead by repeating this order in the confined. This was on Tim Forster's The Doormaker, who was left in the lead two out when Rapid Rascal unseated Neil Harris.

Between these races Curling had won the restricted on Tangle Jim to give her an unassailable lead of four. She has now retired for the season.

By winning the first division of the maiden on How Majestic, Julian Pritchard kept his title hopes alive. Alistair Crow, who drew another blank, will be on edge next Saturday as he has no entry at the rearranged South Tetcott and his lead has been reduced to two.

Nigel Bloom is on the same mark as Pritchard after a remarkable win by Melton Park in the open. After being up with the pace, Melton Park dropped back 20 lengths but made up the ground again to beat Radio Cue. Peter Bowen's horse who had been put in to help Brunico's cause. Melton Park thus went one ahead of Brunico and is the worthy champion.

Generals Boy, owned, trained and ridden by Peter Craggs, won Saturday's Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford. On his only hunter chase run last season, he had failed to finish.

TORRINGTON FARMERS (Umberleigh): Hunt: 1, Tajuca (N Moore, 9-4); 2, Straight Brandy; 3, Master Don. 7 ran. Open: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 4-5 fav); 2, Radio Cue, 3, Garden Centre Boy. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Cream By Post (Miss P Curling, 1-3 fav); 2, Sweet On Willie; 3, Leningrad. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Tangle Jim (Miss P Curling, 8-4 fav); 2, You'll Do; 3, Badon Hill. 18 ran. Confined: 1, The Doormaker (Miss P Curling, 1-3 fav); 2, Woodland Firefly; 3, Vincanto. 7 ran. Open mdn I: 1, How Majestic (J Pritchard, Evens fav), 2, Try For Gold; 3, Carrol Bay. 10 ran. Open mdn II: 1, Nearly Buskins (A Cooksley, 10-1); 2, Sunwind; 3, Hollow Wonder. 10 ran.

JUMP LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Leading mounts	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	173	121	89	11	-97.22
P Scudamore	129	75	47	8	-14.91
A Maguire	125	117	97	5	-25.97
P Niven	108	62	52	2	+42.82
J Osborne	102	71	61	2	+14.50
G McCourt	70	62	61	0	-45.34
N Doughty	69	36	33	1	-21.08

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Level stakes
M Pipe	194	117	90	6	-82.11
D Nicholson	100	69	43	24	+147.87
N Twiston-Davies	75	48	35	16	+80.95
G Richards	104	62	53	6	-52.31
J Gifford	49	40	41	45	-43.44
Jimmy Fitzgerald	62	49	39	6	-2.99

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THUNDERER

2.30 Mrs Jogglebury
3.00 Palacegate Jack
3.30 Dodgy Dancer
4.00 Fluvial
4.30 Peto
5.00 Miss Vaxette

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Ajalan. 4.30 Peto.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 PALACEGATE JACK.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F 13YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 RADCLIFFE SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,721: 5f 13yd) (14 runners)

1	(7)	600	ARKINDALE SPIRIT 12 (B) (S Barningham) M W Easterby 8-11	T Lucas	82
2	(8)		DOG AND GUN (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 8-11	N Connorton	–
3	(6)	0	LITTLE HOOLIGAN 6 (A Kingham) M Channon 8-11	C Rutter	–
4	(5)	0	SILVERISTE 10 (The Ox Hill Flyers) C Smith 8-11	W Newnes	–
5	(4)	0	SULLAMELL 30 (J Hodder) R Hodges 8-11	S Drowne (7)	–
6	(11)	00	ALICE OF LOXLEY 28 (R Baker) R Marvin 8-6	R P Elliott	–
7	(12)		ASTROLOGY (Mrs J Stapleton) N Tinkler 8-6	Kim Tinkler	–
8	(14)	60	BUNNY RUN 6 (M Easterby) M H Easterby 8-6	S Maloney (3)	97
9	(3)	0	LADY RISKY 28 (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-6	J Reid	87
10	(13)		LADY WESTBURY (Mrs E Burke) K Burke 8-6	S Whitworth	–
11	(2)	656	MONKEY MONEY 12 (The Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 8-6	G Carter	98
12	(9)	00	MRS JOGGLEBURY 13 (C Smith) C Smith 8-6	J Tate (7)	99
13	(10)	0	TINKER OSMASTON 7 (Mrs S Foster) C Williams 8-6	J Quinn	–
14	(1)		TITCH ON TIME (Mrs A Holland) M Tompkins 8-6	S Mulvey (7)	–

BETTING: 5-4 Lady Risky, 4-1 Titch On Time, 13-2 Bunny Run, 8-1 Monkey Money, 12-1 Little Hooligan, Mrs Jogglebury, 16-1 Tinker Osmaston, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BUNNY RUN 9l 12th of 15 to Election Special in a maiden auctional Redcar (6f, good to firm). LADY RISKY 11l 8th of 13 to Kangra Valley in a maiden at Thirsk (5f, soft). MONKEY MONEY 6½l 6th of 9 to Grecian Garden in a seller at Brighton (5f, firm). MRS JOGGLEBURY 8l 7th of 11 to The Fooshil Flyer in a claimer at Southwell (AW, 6f, standard). Selection: BUNNY RUN

3.00 EBF PLUMTREE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O. £3,318: 5f 13yd) (7 runners)

1	(2)	43	DOLLAR GAMBLE 12 (J Leek) R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	87
2	(3)	0	HELLABY 19 (D Brown) S Norton 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
3	(6)		IN MY LEAGUE (B Maguire) M Bell 9-0	M Hills	–
4	(4)	22	PALACEGATE JACK 33 (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 9-0	G Carter	99
5	(1)		TORCH ROUGE (J Hanson) B Hills 9-0	D Holland	–
6	(7)		ASHKERNAZY (P Starkey) J Spearing 8-9	W Carson	–
7	(5)	6	TAUFELIANE 10 (D Eccleston) J Harris 8-9	L Dettori	–

BETTING: 10-11 Palacegate Jack, 9-4 Dollar Gamble, 5-1 Torch Rouge, 7-1 In My League, 20-1 others.

1992: TOM PIPER 9-0 J Carroll (7-1) J Berry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOLLAR GAMBLE 5l 3rd of 17 to Governor George in a maiden at Newbury (5f 34yd, good to soft). HELLABY 10¾l 9th of 12 to Grotto Pool in a maiden over course and distance (good to firm). PALACEGATE JACK 5l 2nd of 4 to Redoubtable in a maiden at Chester (5f 16yd, good to firm). TAUFELIANE 12l 6th of 7 to International Star in a conditions race at Pontefract (6f, good). IN MY LEAGUE (Foaled Apr 24, cost Ir32,000gns) is a half-brother, by Gallic League, to several winners, including 6f winner Tiger Trap. TORCH ROUGE (Mar 18, 31,000gns) is by Warning, the fourth foal of an unraced sister to the high-class filly Colorspin. ASHKERNAZY (Mar 1) is a half-sister, by Salt Dome, to 5f-7f winner Polly. Selection: PALACEGATE JACK

3.30 BILBOROUGH APPRENTICE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,444: 1m 6f 15yd) (6 runners)

1	(6)	023340	ARC BRIGHT 2 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0	J Dennis (5)	99
2	(5)	000-03	DODGY DANCER 17 (T Langley) M Channon 9-0	R Painter (5)	95
3	(4)	04250-2	HO-JOE 30 (S Hel) J Carr 9-0	S Maloney	98
4	(1)	5040-	MERCH FACH 277 (A Roberts) B Palling 8-9	Stephen Davies (3)	–
5	(3)	44-0000	PETITE JESS 19 (T Mills) T Mills 8-9	N Gwilliams (3)	78
6	(2)	0-45003	PREMIER BLUES 13 (B) (G Crean) R Williams 8-9	Sarah Thompson (5)	86

BETTING: 6-4 Ho-Joe, 15-8 Dodgy Dancer, 9-4 Arc Bright, 16-1 Petite Jess, 20-1 others.

1992: MISS PIN UP 7-10 D Biggs (16-1) Pat Mitchell 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARC BRIGHT 15¾l 7th of 10 to General Mouktar in a handicap at Haydock last time out (1m 3f 110yd, good). DODGY DANCER 5l 3rd of 6 to Dusty Point in a maiden at Hamilton (1m 3f 16yd, soft). HO-JOE (1m 1f 207yd, good to firm). PETITE JESS 14½l 14th of 21 to Kiawah in a selling handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm). PREMIER BLUES 5¾l 4th of 8 to Mister Blake in a claimer at Lingfield in February (AW, 1m, standard).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ___ B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 LOWDHAM CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,318: 1m 54yd) (5 runners)

1	(1)	5-1	AJALAN 18 (F) (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	90
2	(5)	44-31	DRAMANICE 35 (D,G) (W Farish III) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	L Piggott	92
3	(4)	1	FLUVIAL 54 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0	Pat Eddery	90
4	(3)	125-65	PALACE PAGEANT 40 (D,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-10	L Dettori	97
5	(2)	12-0	TAAHHUB 53 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-10	W Carson	99

BETTING: 15-8 Fluvial, 5-2 Dramanice, 100-30 Ajalan, 5-1 Taahhub, 8-1 Palace Pageant.

1992: DILUM 9-7 A Munro (11-10) P Cole 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

AJALAN beat Mr Templeman 1l in an 8-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to firm). DRAMANICE beat Gone Troppo 2l in an 18-runner maiden at Kempton (1m, good). Previously, 1¾l 3rd of 16 to Lower Egypt in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). FLUVIAL beat Mr Templeman a short head in a 17-runner maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). PALACE PAGEANT 6¾l last of 5 to Tioman Island in a conditions race at Ascot (1m 2f, good). TAAHHUB 3¾l 2nd of 6 to Emperor Jones in a conditions race at York last year (7f, good). Selection: DRAMANICE

4.30 RIVER TRENT CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,172: 1m 1f 213yd) (5 runners)

1	(2)	261-030	KRISTIANSTAD 7 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-2	Paul Eddery	97
2	(4)	11015-2	PETO 54 (D,BF,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-0	M Roberts	99
3	(5)	515344-	ST NINIAN 231 (F,G,S) (M Easterby) M H Easterby 7-9-0	S Maloney (3)	98
4	(3)	0/4065-	ALMOSTAUTOMATIC 277 (P Pandy) R Curtis 4-8-10	W Newnes	–
5	(1)	5120-00	WRETS 26 (F) (Midland Markets Ltd) M Charles 4-8-10	R Painter (7)	79

BETTING: 4-6 Peto, 11-4 St Ninian, 7-2 Kristianstad, 66-1 Almostautomatic, Wrets.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

KRISTIANSTAD 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Mohaya in a handicap at Newmarket on penultimate start (1m 2f, good). PETO 2l 2nd of 4 to Bobzardo in a conditions race at Pontefract (1m, soft). Dead-heated with Adam Smith in a 4-runner conditions race at Newbury on penultimate start last year (1m 2f, good to soft). ST NINIAN 4¾l 4th of 8 to King's Loch in a listed race at Goodwood on penultimate start last year (1m 2f, good). Selection: PETO (nap)

5.00 SANDIACRE HANDICAP (£3,435: 5f 13yd) (14 runners)

1	(10)	3033-00	PALEY PRINCE 30 (D,F,G) (M Usher) M Usher 7-10-0	W R Swinburn	91
2	(9)	30-2302	MISS VAXETTE 4 (D,F,S) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 4-10-0	M Humphries (7)	97
3	(5)	3-00003	CATHERINES WELL 7 (D,F,G,S) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 10-9-11	T Lucas	95
4	(14)	42030-6	ABSOLUTELY NUTS 13 (D,G) (J Hall) P Evans 4-9-9	D Holland	89
5	(13)	21-6150	PEERAGE PRINCE 4 (B,CD,F,G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 4-9-8	G Forster (7)	88
6	(11)	516204	EWALD 13 (D,BF,G) (Mark Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 5-9-5	L Dettori	92
7	(7)	006116	SO SUPERB 11 (B,D,S) (N Riddell) M Dods 4-9-3	S Webster	99
8	(2)	115230	CRECHE 44 (B,D,G) (B Pollins) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-1	Madeleine Smith (7)	89
9	(8)	000300	HARDLINER 9 (F) (J Gosling) C Wall 4-9-1	W Woods	98
10	(1)	60-1005	FOLLOWMEGIRLS 7 (CD,F,G) (Execs of J Martin) Mrs A King 4-9-0	A Garth (5)	91
11	(4)	4050-02	FARMER JOCK 11 (D,F,S) (S Thompson) Mrs N Macauley 11-8-9	M Roberts	98
12	(3)	2105-00	GANESHAYA 58 (B,D,G,S) (Abbots Caravan Park) M Barraclough 4-8-4	N Carlisle	90
13	(12)	323-204	THE FED 9 (F Downes) R Whitaker 3-8-1	W Carson	98
14	(6)	00P-000	ROCK SONG 23 (F) (S Francis) J Mackie 4-8-0	G Hind	91

BETTING: 11-4 Miss Vaxette, 13-2 So Superb, 7-1 Ewald, 8-1 Catherines Well, 10-1 Paley Prince, 14-1 others.

1992: REDNET 5-9-4 A Munro (13-2) P Evans 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALEY PRINCE 4¾l 7th of 12 to Heavenly Risk in a handicap at Bath (5f 11yd, firm). MISS VAXETTE short-head 2nd of 12 to Born To Be in a handicap at Epsom (5f, good), with PEERAGE PRINCE (same terms) 4¾l 7th. CATHERINES WELL ¾l 3rd of 8 to The Right Time in an apprentices' handicap at Doncaster last time out (5f, good), with FOLLOWMEGIRLS (same terms) 2l 5th. EWALD short-head 2nd of 10 Just Bob in a handicap at Edinburgh last month (5f, good to firm). SO SUPERB beat Just Bob 3¾l in a 3-runner handicap at Ayr on penultimate start (5f, good to soft). FARMER JOCK ¾l 2nd of 8 to Sakharov in a handicap at Brighton (6f, firm). Selection: MISS VAXETTE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	27	62	43.5	L Piggott	4	14	28.6
J Gosden	9	33	27.3	Pat Eddery	35	133	26.3
M Stoute	9	37	24.3	W Carson	34	178	19.1
R Curtis	3	21	14.3	W R Swinburn	17	90	18.9
R Hodges	8	58	13.8	L Dettori	19	111	17.1
R Whitaker	7	51	13.7	A Garth	3	26	11.5

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Stradishall. 3.15 Silver Samurai. 3.45 Slades Hill. 4.15 Creeager. 4.45 Serious Option. 5.15 BENTICO (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 MARTINOSKY (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.45 JUNE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,027: 5f) (14 runners)

1		FORT ERIE J Bottomley 9-0	L Charnock 5
2	240	GAELIC STAR 38 R Hollinshead 9-0	R Cochrane 4
3	30	GALLIC GENT 28 (BF) C Tinkler 9-0	P Robinson 10
4		LEGAL TRAIN J Etherington 9-0	G Duffield 9
5	22	MONKEY'S WEDDING 12 J Berry 9-0	J Fortune 3
6		NON VINTAGE M H Easterby 9-0	J Quinn 13
7	0	STRADISHALL 37 G Bravery 9-0	N Day 8
8		BENEFICIARY M H Easterby 8-9	M Birch 1
9		FUN'N'FORTUNE M Brittain 8-9	M Wigham 7
10	6333	INDIAN CRYSTAL 23 (BF) M Johnston 8-9	Dean McKeown 12
11	0	MAZINA 9 R Whitaker 8-9	G Parkin (7) 6
12	034	STUDFORD GIRL 17 (V) M W Easterby 8-9	T Quinn 2
13	605	TENPIN PROPHET 17 (B) B Rothwell 8-9	D Harrison (3) 11
14	05	THREE OF HEARTS 2 J Eyre 8-9	O Pears (5) 14

9-2 Monkey's Wedding, 5-1 Legal Train, 6-1 Gaelic Star, Stradishall, 7-1 Beneficiary, 8-1 Gallic Gent, Indian Crystal, 10-1 Studford Girl, 12-1 others.

3.15 DEWSBURY SELLING STAKES
(£2,658: 1m 2f 6yd) (16)

1	110-	METTERNICH 152J (B,S) M Tompkins 8-9-11	P Robinson 10
2	000/	MYLIEGE 52J (G) P Leach 9-9-11	S Wood 4
3	3444	SILVER SAMURAI 10 (D,F,G) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-11	J Lowe 7
4	0003	WINGED WHISPER 7 (F) J Pickering 4-9-11	D McCabe (7) 8
5	0230	FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 11 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4	M Birch 13
6	0005	MALINDI BAY 7 B McMath 5-9-4	E Johnson 6
7	00-0	SUPER CHARGE 28 M Ellerby 4-9-4	S Morris 9
8	0000	ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 11 (B) B McMahon 4-8-13	A Mackay 14
9	6000	HATAAL 17 J Balding 4-8-13	G Hind 2
10	000-	LADY RANDOLPH 25J B Ellison 4-8-13	M Wood 12
11		STORM VIXEN C Tinkler 4-8-13	G Duffield 11
12	4023	FORMAESTRE 9 (G) S Norton 3-8-7	O Pears (5) 1
13	660-	BAJAN AFFAIR 255 Miss L Siddall 3-8-0	Dale Gibson 3
14	00-0	NEWGATESKY 16 B Murray 3-8-0	L Charnock 16
15	-604	SO SAUCY 10 B Meehan 3-8-0	B Doyle (3) 15
16	0-03	WORKINGFORPEANUTS 16 C Smith 3-8-0	D Harrison (3) 5

9-4 Silver Samurai, 4-1 Metternich, 5-1 Workingforpeanuts, 6-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 7-1 Formaestre, So Saucy, 12-1 Storm Vixen, 16-1 Malindi Bay, 20-1 others.

3.45 HEY GROUP HANDICAP (£4,620: 6f) (11)

1	450-	RESOLUTE BAY 289 (D,F,G) R Whitaker 7-10-0	T Quinn 3
2	1421	DEBSY DO 16 (D,G) S Norton 4-9-12	O Pears (5) 11
3	1224	BLUE GRIT 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Dods 7-9-7	J Lowe 4
4	1023	MARTINOSKY 9 (D,BF,F,G) G Bravery 7-9-7	N Day 8
5	4411	SLADES HILL 11 (CD,F,G,S) T Barron 6-9-3	R Cochrane 10
6	0350	PRETONIC 9 (D,F,S) M Johnston 5-9-3	Dean McKeown 7
7	0044	FIRST GOLD 23 (B,D,F,S) J Wharton 4-9-3	M Birch 2
8	-010	MISS ARAGON 17 (D,BF,G) Miss L Siddall 5-8-8	P Robinson 5
9	4503	PINE RIDGE LAD 12 (D,F,G) B Beasley 3-8-7	S D Williams (3) 1
10	1253	SOBERING THOUGHTS 3 (D,BF,G) J Eyre 7-8-1	N Adams 9
11	-030	CRAIL HARBOUR 32 (V,D,G) P Haslam 7-7-7	Dale Gibson 6

7-2 Slades Hill, 4-1 Martinosky, 6-1 Blue Grit, 7-1 Debsy Do, 10-1 First Gold, Pine Ridge Lad, 12-1 Miss Aragon, Resolute Bay, Pretonic, 14-1 others.

4.15 PONTEFRACT CUP
(Handicap: £2,976: 2m 1f 216yd) (14)

1	0-00	CHUCKLESTONE 27J (F,G) J King 10-10-0	T Quinn 13
2	0-52	VALSEUR 18 (S) L Lungo 4-9-8	J Fanning 10
3	0250	CREEAGER 12 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 11-8-13	S D Williams (3) 9
4	4003	BALZINO 10 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-11	K Fallon 5
5	5-05	PATROCLUS 30 (CD,F,G,S) R Voorspuy 8-8-10	S Dawson 12
6	00/1	MARDOOD 16 (S) P Leach 8-8-4	S Wood 6
7	5-33	ANGELICA PARK 17 (F,G) J Wharton 7-8-4	J Quinn 3
8	0241	KOVALEVSKIA 28 (F,G,S) D Wilson 8-8-2	G Bardwell 1
9	4-00	UNDERWYCHWOOD 10 P Burgoyne 5-8-0	G Duffield 14
10	60-6	ROYAL PRINT 10 W Muir 4-7-12	D Harrison (3) 8
11	-533	COST EFFECTIVE 12 (F) M Brittain 6-7-11	A Mackay 2
12	6455	LUKS AKURA 20 (F) M Johnston 5-7-11	J Lowe 4
13	0543	LAFKADIO 7J (C,F,G) M Chapman 6-7-8	L Charnock 11
14	-000	BARTON PRIDE 12 (B) M Hammond 4-7-7	Dale Gibson 7

9-2 Valseur, 5-1 Patroclus, 6-1 Mardood, 7-1 Kovalevskia, 8-1 Angelica Park, Cost Effective, 10-1 Balzino, Creeager, 12-1 Lafkadio, Luks Akura, 14-1 others.

4.45 YOUNGSTERS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,114: 6f) (5)

1	21	SERIOUS OPTION 10 (S) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn 1
2	4106	TOP SHOW 4 (G) K Hogg 9-0	J Lowe 3
3	516	VALIANT MAN 40 (S) J Wharton 9-0	J Williams 2
4	215	BOLD ARISTOCRAT 4 (G) R Hollinshead 8-10	S Perks 4
5	41	INTERNATIONAL STAR 10 (CD,G) W O'Gorman 8-9	Emma O'Gorman (3) 5

6-4 Serious Option, 2-1 International Star, 9-2 Bold Aristocrat, 6-1 others.

5.15 BATLEY HANDICAP (£3,080: 1m 2f 6yd) (12)

1	0054	TAHITIAN 7 (C,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-11	V Halliday (7) 12
2	6300	KATY'S LAD 10 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-9-11	T Quinn 7
3	10-6	PERSIAN FOUNTAIN 20 (S) B Rothwell 3-9-4	D Harrison (3) 1
4	-005	BENTICO 10 (D,F) M Jarvis 4-9-4	P Robinson 10
5	1333	MAROWINS 28 (G) E Alston 4-8-12	K Fallon 4
6	3245	MISTER BLAKE 10 (B,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-12	Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
7	2016	SHARQUIN 4 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-11 (6ex)	M Wigham 11
8	2050	ANAR 11 (V,F) S Norton 4-8-9	O Pears (5) 5
9	0-50	GRANDERISE 34 N Tinkler 3-8-9	L Charnock 9
10	-000	LONG FURLONG 13 (D,F,G) T Hallett 5-8-8	N Adams 2
11	0144	SWEET REVIVAL 10 (CD,S) J Glover 5-8-8	J Fortune 8
12	6-05	GYPSY CRYSTAL 19 (V,BF) R Whitaker 3-7-8	J Lowe 3

4-1 Tahitian, 5-1 Bentico, 6-1 Katy's Lad, Marowins, 8-1 Sharquin, Sweet Revival, 10-1 Anar, 12-1 Mister Blake, 14-1 Gypsy Crystal, Persian Fountain, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Dods, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%, W O'Gorman, 5 from 22, 22.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 60, 21.7%; M Tompkins, 15 from 86, 17.4%; M Johnston, 8 from 48, 16.7%; B McMahon, 13 from 95, 13.7%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%, R Cochrane, 11 from 56, 19.6%; S Dawson, 3 from 18, 16.7%; P Robinson, 5 from 33, 15.2%; K Fallon, 15 from 109, 13.8%; J Fortune, 11 from 92, 12.0%.

☐ With the close of the National Hunt season at Market Rasen on Saturday night, several new riding arrangements have been announced. Mick Fitzgerald will begin next season as stable jockey to Nicky Henderson, while Norman Williamson has taken the job as first jockey to Kim Bailey. Andrew Thornton, who is to give up his amateur status, will also join Bailey as a conditional rider.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 2.30 Arkindale Spirit. 3.30 Premier Blues. Pontefract: 2.45 Studford Girl. 3.15 Absolutley Foxed. 5.15 Anar, Gypsy Crystal

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Epsom
Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Bitter's End (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav); 2, Knight Of Shalot (15-8); 3, Ciara Sparrow (14-1). 6 ran. 4l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.01. 1min 21.15sec.

2.45 (5f) 1, Roxanian (D Holland, 6-1); 2, Canaska Dancer (6-1); 3, Dances With Risk (25-1). Jeypore Jo 4-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Monsieur Petong. Sh hd, 1¾l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £2.00, £3.80. DF: £27.30. Trio: £129.00. CSF: £37.33. 58.04sec.

3.15 (1m 114yd) 1, Rihbl (W Carson, 3-1 fav); 2, Forthwith (11-1); 3, Shamam (10-1). 10 ran. 2¾l, 2l. D Morley. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £3.20, £2.30. DF: £30.30. Trio: £69.90. CSF: £31.85. Tricast: £264.69. 1min 41.61sec.

4.05 SEE ABOVE

4.40 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Sun Of Spring (M Roberts, 6-1), 2, Empire Pool (8-1); 3, Lijaam (9-1). Circus Colours 10-11 fav 5 ran. NR: Warm Spell. 1½l, 1¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £8.80; £2.30, £2.00. DF: £14.80. CSF: £38.18. 2min 37.33sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.10 (7f) 1, Silky Siren (D Harrison, 12-1); 2, So Rhythmical (12-1); 3, Cape Pigeon (15-2), 4, Herora (9-1). Helios 11-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Nobby Barnes. 1½l, hd. M Pipe. Tote: £14.00; £2.30, £3.50, £3.70. DF: £125.80. Trio: £184.90. CSF: £138.05. Tricast: £1,056.70. 1min 21.40sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.40 (7f) 1, Fairy Story (D Holland, 13-2); 2, Petonellajill (11-4 fav); 3, Nitouche (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Inderaputeri. 1l, 2l. J Hills. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £1.70, £4.30. DF: £10.70. Trio: £74.50. CSF: £23.25. Tricast: £220.88. 1min 22.20sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £22,553.30 carried forward to Kempton on Wednesday).
Placepot: £851.40.

Haydock Park

2.00 1, Allwight Then (4-1); 2, Gone To Pot (7-2 fav); 3, No Mean City (14-1). 10 ran.
2.30 1, Veloce (10-1); 2, Forever Diamonds (6-1); 3, Cee-Jay-Ay (11-2). Moorish 2-1 fav.
3.00 1, James Is Special (5-1); 2, Philgun (8-1); 3, Rosina Mae (8-1). Persuasive 7-4 fav. 8 ran.
3.30 1, Celestial Key (11-4); 2, Band On The Run (7-4 fav); 3, Mojave (2-1). 4 ran.
4.00 1, Saint Keyne (1-2 fav); 2, Bokaro (11-1); 3, Point The Way (5-1). 12 ran. NR: The Laughing Lord.
4.30 1, General Mouktar (13-2); 2, Hazard A Guess (3-1 fav); 3, Contract Elite (9-2). 10 ran.

Edinburgh

2.25 1, Kimbolton Korker (2-1); 2, Sensabo (33-1); 3, Minsk (8-1). Russia With Love Evens fav. 6 ran.
2.55 1, Lord Advocate (14-1); 2, Stingray City (8-11 fav); 3, Post Impressionist (7-4). 6 ran.
3.25 1, Shadow Jury (5-4 fav); 2, Covent Garden Girl (5-2); 3, Plum First (5-2). 4 ran. NR: Principal Player.
3.55 1, Palacegate Jo (4-5 fav), 2, Macaroon Lady (3-1); 3, West Coast (8-1). 7 ran.
4.25 1, Lawnswood Junior (7-2); 2, Jubran (13-2); 3, MCA Below The Line (8-1). Habeta 6-4 fav 12 ran.
4.55 1, Tanoda (7-1); 2, Shamshom Al Arab (11-4); 3, Jazilah (5-2 fav). 9 ran.

Leicester

6.45 1, Sweet Decision (2-5 fav); 2, Broughtons Partner (11-1), 3, Gingerillo (7-1) 6 ran.
7.15 1, Wandering Angel (13-8 fav), 2, Encore M'Lady (12-1); 3, Queen's Trust (3-1). 7 ran.
7.45 1, Blue Topaze (13-2); 2, Macs Maharanee (4-1 fav); 3, Join The Clan (33-1). 15 ran.
8.15 1, Sonus (5-2); 2, Only Royale (100-30); 3, Shualaan (11-8 fav). 6 ran.
8.45 1, Old Provence (11-2); 2, Silverdale (4-5 fav), 3, Salatin (7-4). 3 ran.
9.15 1, Al Moulouki (11-8 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Starlight Rose (14-1); 3, Persian Charmer (7-2). 7 ran.

Stratford

2.50 1, Deb's Ball (5-2); 2, Beech Road
3.20 1, River House (3-1). 2, Icarus (4-11 fav), 3, Headin' On (10-1). 3 ran.
3.50 1, Fettuccine (14-1), 2, Perry Well (16-1), 3, The Black Monk (7-2 fav). 10 ran. NR: Invite D'Honneur.
4.25 1, Generals Boy (11-2), 2, Sheer Jest (4-6 fav), 3, Once Stung (3-1). 6 ran.
4.55 1, Take Two (Evens fav), 2, Jamestown Boy (20-1); 3, Milrous (11-2). 10 ran. NR: Light O'The Mill.
5.25 1, The Nigelstan (5-1); 2, OK Corral (3-1 fav); 3, Gala's Image (11-1). 12 ran. NR: Kirsty's Boy, Smooth Start.
5.55 1, Strong Medicine (100-30). 2, Playpen (14-1). 3, Thunder Bug (4-1). Shimmering Scarlet 5-2 fav. 10 ran.

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6.35 1, Well Done Rory (Evens fav), 2, Jathaab (5-4), 3, Father Dan (9-1). 5 ran.
7.05 1, Mr-Paw (6-4 fav); 2, Passage To Freedom (25-1). 3, Oh Mother (10-1) 12 ran.
7.35 †1, John Shaw (7-1); †1, Tharsis (6-1); 3, Secret Liason (6-1). Saskia's Reprieve 3-1 fav 12 ran. NR: What If, Whitewebb, Burn Bridge, Station Express. £19.60.
8.05 1, Boarding School (8-11 fav); 2, Helmar (10-1); 3, West Lodge Lady (40-1) 4 ran. NR: Hawwar.
8.35 1, Stepfaster (9-1); 2, Local Customer (12-1); 3, Tri Folene (2-1 fav). 15 ran.
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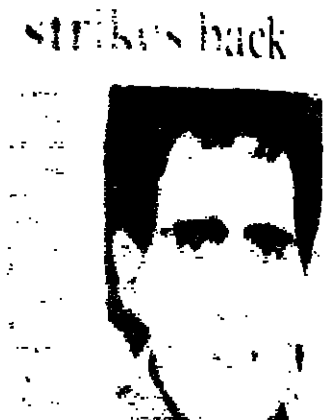

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3. To consider the payment of a dividend.
4. To grant discharge to the directors and commissaire in respect of the execution of their mandates to 31 March 1993.
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"To amend Article No. 9.1 of the Articles of Incorporation of the société by the deletion of the words 'the fourth Thursday of the month of June' and the insertion of the words 'the last Friday in the month of August' therefor".

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Dividend due from subsidiary	-	329
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per share	(1518)	(12)
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DATED THIS 1st June 1993
S Berger - Director

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Trading name: As Above. Nature of business: Automation. Manufacturer. Installation and Software Specialists. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 1 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: MD Centre and PN Spratt. Office Holder Nos. 2360 & 6278. Address: Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RY.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
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Registered number: 339029. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc (Acting as Agent). Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Samuel Sorel and Alan John Barrett. Office Holder Nos: 6278 & 1096. Address: Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1HB.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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Dated 29 April 1993

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Dated: 2 June 1993.
By Order of The Board.
G Sodha Director

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DATED THIS 1st JUNE 1993
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DATED THIS 2nd June 1993
David J Thompson - Director

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Robin Alexander criticises 'ideological' assaults on the educational establishment, and defends the standards of teacher training

SALLY & RICHARD GREENHILL

Class struggle: the quality of teaching is under pressure from conflicting views on the skills required. Further upheaval is certain

Old myths die hard

Under attack from all sides for its national curriculum testing programme, the government is diverting its, and our, attention to teacher training. Thus, in *The Times* on May 21 we had intimations of further educational legislation — this time, to end the education department's control of teacher supply, to shift funding and responsibility for teacher training to schools, to curtail higher-education involvement in the training process, to abolish graduate entry to the teaching profession, and to replace the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (CATE), the current advisory/accreditation body.

Then at the National Association of Head Teachers' (NAHT) conference John Patten gave us the thrust of his long-awaited consultation document on primary training. Finally, this week, we are promised, comes the document itself. It is hard to know how seriously to take talk of a white paper, let alone its rumoured details. But with 15 pieces of educational legislation enacted since 1979, it would be foolish not to take notice. Equally, though NAHT members gave John Patten's ideas on primary training a rough ride, that kind of reception has so far proved no obstacle. All we can be sure of is a further period of upheaval.

Some will question whether a state education system can function without central control of teacher supply. Some, while applauding extended access to teaching, will resist any dilution of the hard-won graduate-entry principle. Others will see in devolved responsibility for teacher training increased work as well as increased opportunity. And schools will quickly recognise the final squaring of the accountability circle: controlling every aspect of the educational enterprise from budgets and staffing to teacher training, they and they alone will be held culpable for the system's failures.

Assuming that educational policy stems from a genuine quest for improved quality, we have now to ask whether a devolved, market-led, and wholly or largely school-based system of training will produce better teachers. There is plenty of evidence available to inform those who seek an answer, whether from the national inspectorate, CATE, or independent research studies. Yet government has seemed reluctant to acknowledge this evidence — perhaps because it is more supportive of existing practices, and more cautious about radical alternatives than is deemed politically acceptable. Instead, recent teacher training pronouncements have been grounded not in evidence but in an ideological assault on the training institutions, pilloried, along with local education authorities (LEAs) and schools inspectors, as the "educational establishment".

The essence of the attack is as follows. Teacher training as currently constituted fails to deliver the knowledge and skills which teachers need. Instead, the trainers peddle what John Patten calls "the discredited theories of the 1960s", while denying students access both to proper grounding in the subjects to be taught and to the development of classroom skills. As a result, schools are staffed by the hapless victims of this rubbish, busy teaching an egg-box curriculum instead of the basics, and subverting the national curriculum, assessment and other government reforms. The improbable solution? Make these same supposed incompetents responsible for training, apprentice-style, the next generation of teachers.

Though this version of events has begun to harden into a mythology, it is important not to let its grosser accusations go unchallenged. First, the frequent references to the 1960s, to theory and the long-defunct training colleges reveal how out of touch with current teacher-training practice the critics are.

The government, in 1984, initiated a major programme of teacher-training reform, closely circumscribing course structure and content, and requiring each course to be inspected by the government inspectorate before accreditation by CATE, a body whose members are chosen by the secretary of state himself. The latter then gave (or withheld) course approval. These procedures were amended in 1989, and again in 1992. Yet the version of teacher training which features in the mythology is not this one, but a composite of the worst practices from the 1960s and 1970s, long since superseded. Thus, unaccountably, the government fails to take credit for its own reforms; thus, too, it manages to marginalise its own teacher-training advisory body (typically, CATE was not even mentioned in John Patten's NAHT speech). And thus it seems to invalidate the course approvals personally given by successive secretaries of state, and by extension the qualifications of thousands of practising teachers. Is the government saying that its nine-year teacher training reform programme has failed? If so, it should come clean and produce the evidence.

Second, the characterisation of the content of teacher-training courses is similarly anachronistic. Courses do not neglect subject study, as the influential Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet by Sheila Lawlor, its deputy director, claimed. In fact, since 1984 they have been required to devote more time to this than to most other aspects of teaching put together. They do not peddle 1960s theory. It is not just that they are far too tightly timetabled for such luxuries, but that most are much more concerned to subject the different approaches to teaching to critical appraisal.

Who, after all, provided the evidence for the reassessment of primary-school teaching methods which government was so keen to exploit? It was university research teams. And far from keeping the student remote from the classroom, all courses involve substantial and mandatory periods of time in school: half the course or more in the case of post-graduate certificates in education, even before education department's Circular 9/92 introduced the two-thirds rule for secondary courses. Today's courses certainly have room for improvement, but removed from classroom realities they are not.

Third, university-based trainers have to prove themselves in three roles: as successful teachers or head teachers in schools; as academics, meeting the usual criteria of scholarship and research; and as trainers of teachers, a job quite distinct in its skills from that of teaching children. As a result, they combine at best the vital dual perspective of knowledgeable insider and objective outsider; they understand from experience and their partnerships with schools the day-to-day decisions, challenges, and dilemmas of teaching; and through research they build up analytical tools and insights needed to develop teachers' skills and improve classroom practice.

What lies behind the persistent vilification of higher education's contribution to teacher training and the government's tacit denigration of its own important reforms in this area? The quest for scapegoats now that Labour government policies are a distant memory? Economic imperatives? (Devolved training, incidentally, may not be the cheap option it seems.) Whatever the motive, what lies exposed is a fundamental and damaging ignorance about the nature and demands of teaching itself.

If one views a teacher as an ask-no-questions technician, who has the competence to replicate the classroom recipes of others but is unable or unwilling to evaluate either these or the assumptions about human learning which they embody and so develop as a professional, then higher education will indeed seem not only irrelevant but also dangerous. But if one sees teaching as a demanding and sophisticated activity, requiring considerable reserves of knowledge, understanding, skill, creativity, and empathy, and if one believes that children in schools, no less than students in universities, need to be challenged by the liveliest minds and keenest imaginations then higher education becomes central to teacher training. The only sustainable approaches are those which involve schools and universities working in the closest-possible partnership, each contributing their distinctive strengths.

That, indeed, is what most people in schools, higher education, and CATE would like to see, and that is what the research evidence testifies to as the likeliest route to improved quality in our schools and classrooms. If this powerful consensus is ignored or rationalised away as the voice of the educational establishment, we can only conclude that the pursuit of quality in education now takes second place to pursuit of the ideological vendetta.

● *The author is Professor of Education at Leeds University*

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A jolly good read

THE SHORTLIST for a prestigious competition gives parents a good guide to the outstanding children's books of the moment. It also means they can avoid having to wade through the proposed new English curriculum with its list of recommended literature. There are eight books on the shortlist for this year's Carnegie Medal. Past winners of the prize for the best children's book written in English include authors such as Arthur Ransome and Eleanor Farjeon.

Shortlisted are: An Angel for May by Melvin Burgess (Anderson Press); The Great Elephant Chase by Gillian Cross (OUP); A Bone from the Dry Sea by Peter Dickinson (Gollancz); Flour Babies by Anne Fine (Hamish Hamilton); The Angel of Nitshill Road by Anne Fine (Methuen); So Far From Skye by Judith O' Neill (Hamish Hamilton); Gulf by Robert Westall (Methuen) and The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson (Doubleday).

Children's librarians will judge the award, and also the winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal for the most distinguished illustration in a children's book. The winners will be announced on June 30.

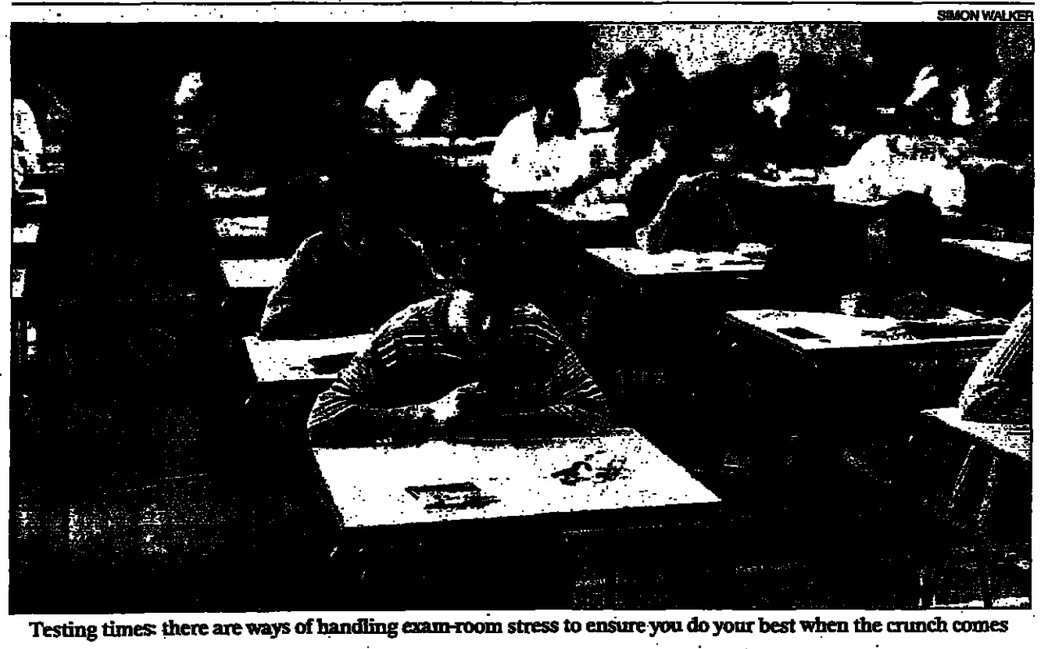
Praise at last

EVEN John Patten's most bitter newspaper critics are likely to applaud a speech by the education secretary tomorrow. Mr Patten is delivering the keynote address to editors, publishers and teachers from more than 20 countries at the first international Newspapers in Education (NiE) conference in Bristol.

NiE encourages the use of newspapers as a classroom teaching aid across the whole range of subjects. It has helped establish more than 300 projects in Britain operated by newspapers in partnership with local schools. Many help with the production of school newspapers.

The motivation, of course, is a classic mixture of honour and self-interest — to boost standards of literacy while encouraging the next generation of readers.

SIMON WALKER



Testing times: there are ways of handling exam-room stress to ensure you do your best when the crunch comes

It's all in the mind . . .

Exam success is a matter of attitude — a positive approach will pay off

Many people work hard at their studies and revision, only to find they give less than their best in the examination room. A positive attitude and a structured approach can reduce the likelihood of this happening to you.

Before the exam

☐ Expect to your mark to be 100 per cent: people rarely perform better than they expect. By having high expectations, we can extend our abilities beyond what seemed possible. Faced with an exam, students often exchange negative statements about themselves: "I'm going to do terribly . . . I'll just be looking out of the window . . ." Don't belittle your own abilities, start believing in yourself. If someone asks, tell them you are expecting to do an excellent job.

Another powerful technique is to spend a minute mentally rehearsing your exam performance. Picture yourself coming to the end of the paper with every question perfectly completed. Replay this scene as you sit down at the exam desk. If you are taking an oral exam, or making a presentation, visualise the examiner congratulating you afterwards on an excellent job.

☐ Smile, breathe and relax: your breathing should be even and deep for maximum concentration. When you are under stress your muscles tighten and breath becomes short, so try to combat this. A short period of relaxation will help. Close your eyes and breathe slowly and deeply. Smiling to yourself will help you to feel positive. It is worth spending a moment collecting yourself in this way as you begin the exam.

During the exam

☐ Staying calm and in control: one effect of stress is a kind of tunnel vision, which can badly affect your judgment. A certain amount of anxiety will help you to perform well but, to optimise your concentration and good judgment, take a moment to relax and visualise the exam paper sitting on the examiner's desk with ticks from start to finish.

☐ Dealing with the paper: first, read through the paper. Make sure you read it all. Many candidates turn two pages at once, or forget to look at the reverse side of the sheet.

Be careful to follow the instructions. Find out how many questions you must answer in each section of the paper. Determine how many marks each question is worth and divide up your time accordingly. Sketch out a timetable for planning your work and for checking it at the end and stick to it.

Read the questions carefully. Misreading the question is one of the commonest reasons for poor marks. Make certain you answer all the parts of each question. Never tackle a question which you do not fully understand unless you have no alternative.

☐ Oral examinations: oral language examinations are especially nerve-racking, but do not be afraid to ask the examiner to repeat questions or speak more slowly.

Say something — anything — rather than nothing. If you do not know a word or phrase, try to say what you want in some other way. Be prepared to tell the occasional white lie — if you forget what the foreign word for your hobby is, change your hobby to something you can remember.

☐ Essay questions: it is vital to spend time making a plan. Include key words and phrases as reminders of what you intend to write. Before you start writing, check that what you are planning to say is relevant and answers the question. Do not pour out everything you know about a topic.

Give your essay a clear structure. Look for phrases in the question which tell you what is required. Questions which ask you to compare and contrast two things are asking you to find similarities and differences between those things. Draw up two columns in your plan, label them "similarities" and "differences", and fill them in from what you know. Questions which ask you to evaluate or assess a view, or ask you whether such-and-such is the case, are asking you to give arguments for and against the view. Structure your answer by filling in "for" and "against" columns in your plan.

Do not waste time by opening your essay with vague general comments. Get to grips with the question straight away. Begin a new paragraph every time you move to a new topic; theme, argument or idea and end your essay with a brief summary of what you have argued. Illustrate with examples and write simply and clearly.

TIM WRIGHT

● *These are edited extracts from* Own Goals Active Learning, *co-written by Dr Brian Pike, Jeff Taylor and Tim Wright*

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Applications (six copies except from candidates overseas who need only send one), including a curriculum vitae and a list of publications, should be sent to arrive not later than 28 June 1993. Applicants should ask two referees to submit letters of recommendation by the closing date.

Applications should be sent to: Dr E.A. Gosnell, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained. It is hoped to hold interviews early in the week beginning 5 July 1993.

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PRIVATE HEALTH CARE

Evaluation is the best policy

The many options on offer means it pays to shop around for the most suitable scheme, **David Loshak** says

Choosing a private health scheme used to be a comparatively simple matter. No longer. You get what you pay for, but what are you paying for? That is seldom as obvious as the brochures make it seem.

The 1970s and 1980s were boom years for private medical insurance and individual and corporate subscribers flooded in. For the insurers, dominated by BUPA, a harmony of economic, social and political reasons made it a seller's market.

However, there were far fewer options for subscribers than there are today and there was little flexibility. Premiums were relatively high and, after annual rises of 30 per cent or more, customer resistance inevitably developed and the number of subscribers fell. The effects of the recession, particularly unemployment in the managerial classes, hit the industry harder than it expected.

The 1990s, therefore, present tougher challenges. Insurers have had to adopt other strategies to remain attractive, competitive and affordable. A key element has been a series of measures to contain costs. These include the greater use of day surgery, treatment at specified hospitals and increasingly vigorous and efficient management of care.

Insurers are also putting pressure on hospital and specialist costs. "Private practice fees are probably substantially higher than necessary," says David Cavers, managing director of Norwich Union Healthcare. "Different working practices could bring private healthcare within the reach of a wider public."

As it is, insurers — including those whose benefits do not specify monetary limits — now query bills which seem excessive and may even refuse to pay them. Before embarking on treatment, subscribers should at least check what their consultants' charges are likely to be.

The insurers now offer a wide range of "accessible", "affordable" and less comprehensive policies that are more in tune with individual needs at different stages in life. There is an almost bewildering array of options and benefits: BUPA, for example, has 27 different schemes, so the choice is greater than ever before. That is welcome, but it makes it hard to weigh the alternatives.

Many people have their choice made for them by their employer. Two million of the nation's 3.3 million subscribers are in company schemes. Subscriptions often cover more than one person and, in total, seven million people in Britain have private health cover.

Subscribers to schemes should read the policy rules with care. While they present the benefits clearly, some insurers are opaque or even downright uninformative when it comes to limitations and exclusions. These are numerous, even with the costliest comprehensive schemes.

Premiums vary widely from one insurer to another. An apparent bargain may conceal caveats which, unless you ask pertinent questions before signing up, may provide a nasty shock at the worst possible time.

The cost of premiums depends not only on the extent and quality of cover but, usually, on age. One typical company which offers a monthly rate of £29 to subscribers aged 24 raises it by 40 per cent only a year later. By age 45 the rate is £61, at 65 it is £122 and for those aged 80 or more it comes to £154.

The type or location of the hospital at which you would wish to be treated can also make a big difference to the premium. Many schemes offer no-claims discounts and optional excess arrangements, like those available with car insurance. These can reduce premiums by as much as 50 per cent.

Other budget plans achieve their lower costs by restricting cover to a basic level and incorporating treatment restrictions. Most insurers also offer lower premiums by not covering private in-patient treatment unless the NHS waiting list is six weeks or longer. While that ensures against long delay and provides treatment in most cases, it does not cover urgent treatment.

Discounts, commonly 10 to 20 per cent, are usually available to members of recognised groups, professions and associations, or to those who pay annual premiums by direct debit. The Bristol Contributory Welfare Association (BCWA) offers special terms for voluntary groups of three or more employees of a company, or members of clubs or even social organisations.

If a policyholder or spouse is over 60, their premiums may qualify for tax relief, although whether this concession survives the present Treasury scrutiny of public spending remains to be seen.

According to Keith Pollard, marketing director of Hospital Corporation International, 1992 was "the worst that private healthcare has seen", with too few patients for the available beds. Insurers will have to remain innovative, he says, if they are to attract more subscribers. Healthcare consultant William Fitzhugh agrees. Writing in his book, *Directory of Independent Healthcare Financial Information*, he says that while the role of private healthcare seems assured, "it will have to fight harder to hold what it has". For cash-strapped subscribers, that can only be good news.

Cost cuts: insurers are striving to remain competitive

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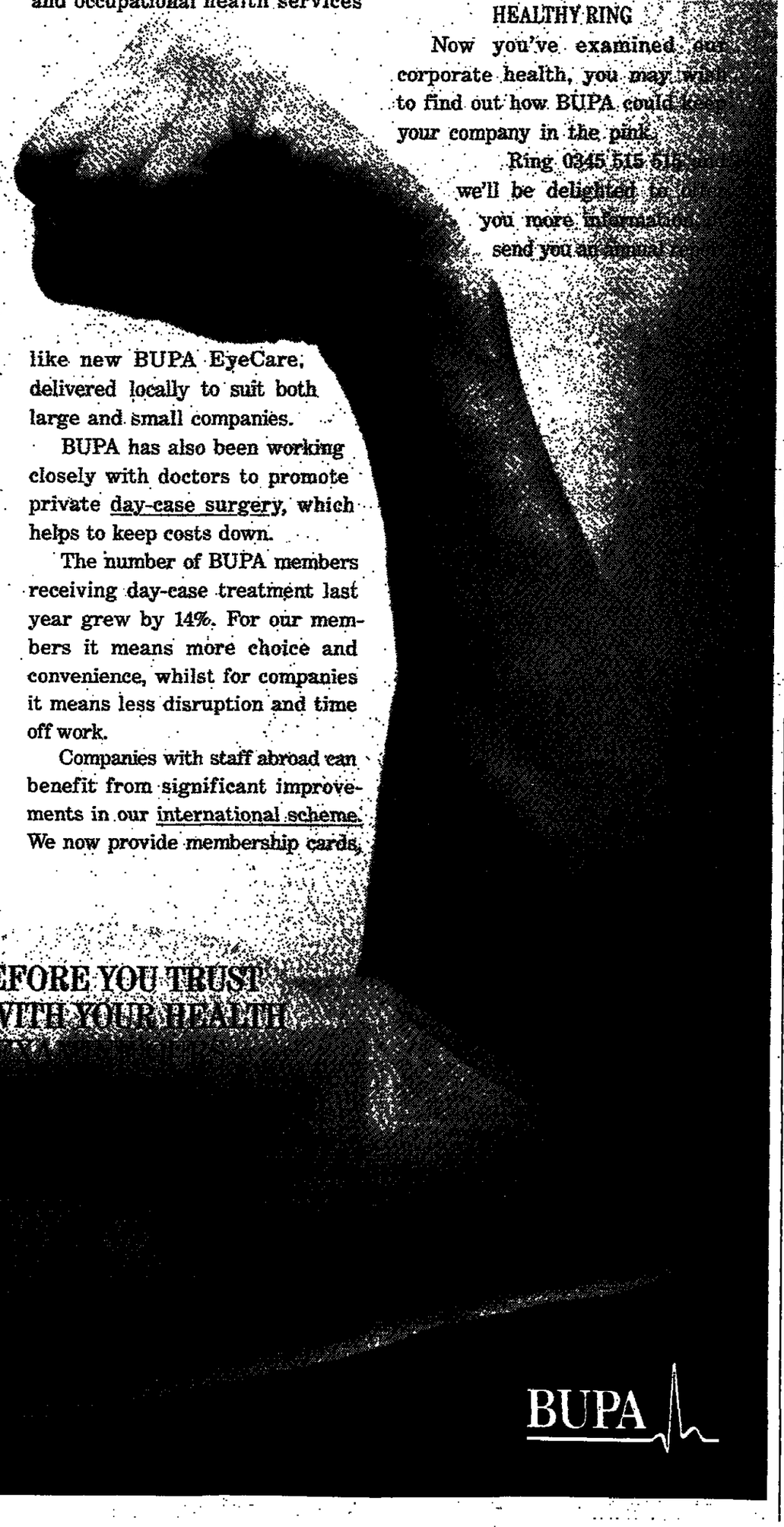

PRIVATE ACUTE HOSPITALS

Category	1980		1993	
	No.	%	No.	%
Non-profit				
Religious	32	21	18	8
Charitable	24	16	21	9
Charitable groups	33	21	45	21
Total	89	58	84	38
For profit				
US groups	3	2	1	1
UK groups	5	3	85	38
European	-	-	24	11
Independent	57	37	27	12
Total	65	42	137	62
Grand total	154	100	221	100

Source: Independent Healthcare Association

Price variations are at a premium

Insurance costs differ as widely as the range of treatments covered

THE range and complexity of the many private medical insurance schemes make like-with-like comparison of premiums meaningless. There are many available discounts, modes of payment and options to choose from, and the benefits also vary widely, *David Loshak writes*. The table below gives examples only, not direct comparisons.

The most comprehensive schemes refund all fees, including in-patient, out-patient and daycare treatment, out-patient consultations, specialist fees and hospital charges. Many offer extra benefits, such as private GP consultations and "alternative" treatment. Some cover conditions and procedures which most insurance plans exclude, such as long-term kidney dialysis, psychiatric illness and infertility.

At the other end of the scale, premiums can be gratifyingly low, but the lower they are, the more restricted the benefits tend to be. WPA, for instance, offers a budget scheme with "full refunds on all key services", but limits these to £8,000 a year. PPP's Value Plan covers treatment only at the least expensive hospitals. Prime Health's Hospital Care covers in-patient surgery only.

For illustrative purposes, the following examples all apply to individual subscriber monthly premiums without discounts (although at least 10 per cent is usually available) payable by a couple in the mid-30s with two children.

EXAMPLES OF PREMIUMS

	Comprehensive (London)	Budget (Provinces)
BCWA	Super Security £148.35	Security £75.38
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Norwich Union	Premier Care £245.00	Personal Care £33.80
Orion Healthcare	Surety A Scale £164.46	Surety C Scale £85.72
PPP	Premier Healthcare £267.40	Value Plan £38.00
Prime Health	Primecare Plus Gold £188.53	Hospital Care £24.89
WPA	Oak £152.40	Spruce £33.00

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Independent angle on care of the aged

Some companies are offering home-based services for senior citizens

The nation spent £2 billion on long-term private nursing-home care for the old, the disabled and the chronic sick in 1991-2; and population figures indicate that the potential market will grow quickly.

At the start of the century there were fewer than two million people aged over 65 in Britain; today there are eight million. There are some three million Britons between 75 and 84 today, and in 40 years' time there are likely to be four million. Even the 85-plus group has climbed from 250,000 to about a million in the past 40 years.

As the numbers grow, the caring business is expanding with it. In 1980, there were about 25,000 places in private nursing homes; by 1992 the figure was an estimated 150,000. One company alone, Westminster Health Care, with 45 nursing homes, 3,096 beds (and 629 more on the way) announced after-tax profits of £1,354,000 for the six months to November 30.

While carers and health insurers are now trying to keep people out of their hospitals and nursing homes in the belief that either you need full-time nursing, or you need none, companies are beginning to admit that neither their patients nor their profits are best served by this.

"Probably 40 per cent of people in nursing homes don't need to be there," says John Young, of Prime Health. His company has added home care to its panel of health services. If a subscriber becomes unable to take a bath unaided, or get up and down stairs, for example, it provides for up to 21 hours a week auxiliary nursing care at home. The plan also provides "respite care" — up to four weeks in a nursing home for the subscriber to ensure that the usual carer gets a break.

A couple aged 50 would both be covered for £49 a month; at 60 it would cost them £78, at 70, £141. A top-range plan, covering extra home care, nursing-home fees up to £300 a week and private surgery for long-wait operations, such as hip replacement or cataract removal, costs roughly twice as much.

BUPA is adding what it calls an outreach programme to its nursing homes, says Keith Biddlestone, its business development director. "We piloted this at our nursing home in the Wirral; elderly people living nearby could call us and we would provide nursing care and support in their home, helping them retain their independence. Then, if they did come in for respite or long-term care, they would feel comfortable about it because they had a relationship with us and knew the people. It worked exceedingly well and we are broadening it out to all our other nursing homes."

Lending a hand: in the home

One anxiety of companies which provide or insure health care is that rising costs will frighten away potential customers. Keeping people full-time in a nursing home when they may need very little skilled nursing not only wastes money but also may not be good for the patient — there is evidence that sick people who do not need full-time nursing recover more quickly at home.

A stage beyond insurance-covered home nursing and home help is being taken by one or two of the bolder spirits in private healthcare, such as PPP Beaumont, a Private Patients Plan company, and the Community Hospitals Group. They have provided individual flats and bungalows near nursing homes and hospitals. The accommodation is leasehold and costs from about £55,000 to £120,000, plus a weekly service charge from £40 to £85.

Community Hospitals Group's complex has a central building with a restaurant, lounges and social facilities. The service charge covers maintenance, services and a daily restaurant meal.

PPP Beaumont's flats and bungalows can be resold on the open market, but Beaumont has the right to vet prospective buyers. The flats can also be sold back to the company for the price paid or for 90 per cent of the valuation at the time — whichever is the greater. Its basic service charge covers maintenance, insurance, council tax, water, heat and light bills. Different levels of nursing can be provided for varying fees, up to a full nursing service for several hours a day in the subscriber's home on the site.

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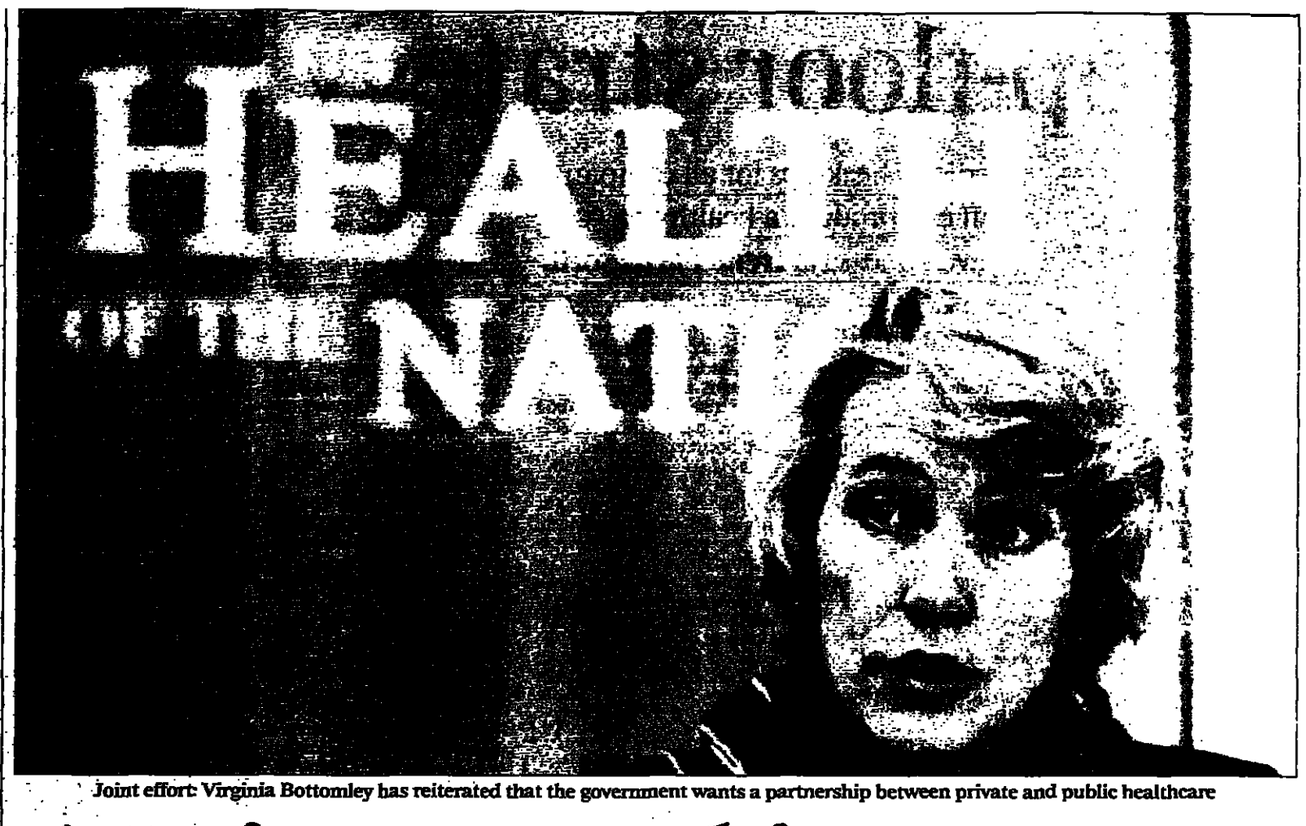

Joint effort: Virginia Bottomley has reiterated that the government wants a partnership between private and public healthcare

A private word in your ear

The government is pressing NHS hospitals to seek partnerships to raise capital, **David Loshak** writes

Despite misgivings across the political spectrum and throughout the health service, the government is bent on encouraging private capital investment in the NHS. Britain spends less on health, 6.1 per cent of gross domestic product, than any other industrialised country. That represents a shortfall, not in government spending but in private sector involvement.

Nevertheless, the £37 billion healthcare industry is the nation's biggest and is likely to grow at 4 per cent annually for many years. Deep-rooted social and economic factors make radical change in financing essential. Increasing numbers of elderly people, rising consumer expectations and advances in medical technology are increasing demand. Change has begun in earnest with the new "internal market" in the NHS creating a distinction between the purchasing and provision of health care.

The public sector will not be able to meet rising demand for healthcare on its own, says Kingsley Manning, a City management consultant who is currently advising several health authorities on new commercial developments. "There is no turning back from a greater involvement by the private sector."

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, last month reiterated government commitment to "a new partnership". Finance directors in the NHS are being urged to make full advantage of the Treasury's private finance initiative, designed to widen the range of private sector investment in public services. NHS Trusts and health authorities also now have far greater financial autonomy — the £250,000 limit on making their own decisions about using private money without Whitehall's approval has been raised to £10 million.

William Laing argues, in his 1992 *Review of Private Health Care*, that the extent of private involvement will hinge on what limits the NHS sets to its responsibilities, the lack of any tradition in the NHS of such modes of healthcare delivery as nursing homes and hospice care, the limits of private medical insurance cover and the marginal costs of care outside the NHS.

It is where those costs are low and public sector supply constrained, as in care of the elderly, abortion and elective surgery, that the private sector has done most. "Private capital by itself offers little attraction to the NHS," says Kingsley Manning. "Its lure lies in its potential for unlocking savings or revenues."

Private sector involvement has successfully reduced costs in areas where the NHS lacks capital and management expertise, such as waste incineration, car parking, staff accommodation, energy, catering and laundry.

A pointer to the future is the kidney dialysis service for NHS patients which the Sheffield Northern General NHS Trust has bought from a private supplier, the Priory Group, on a seven-year lease.

Sue Ellen, the managing director of BUPA health services, says: "Many NHS managers will have to change their attitude. We are finding it hard to unlock the system."

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A drive for business

The AA's package of pick-and-mix is designed to extend choices

A LIFETIME ago, when AA patrols rode bicycles, members expected the AA scouts to salute smartly as they passed (or warn them of police speed traps by not saluting). *Bill Cater writes.*

They could hardly have suspected that, one day, their motoring club, having abandoned salutes and warnings, would instead offer them pick-and-mix parcels of insurances to pay for child-minding or household help should they fall ill or have an accident, pay them £15,000 if they suffered a serious illness or offer a certain sum per night if they had to go to hospital.

It is a logical progression for a motoring club to offer members motor insurance at a discount. If it sells motor insurance, why not property insurance (it does) and if property, why not private medical insurance?

Ian Riley of the health insurance group, Private Patients Plan, explains the pick-and-mix scheme. "We were already working with the AA, selling private medical insurance. AA research showed demand from members for more health care insurance products, so we worked together to develop the idea, offering long-term cover and income protection put into a package.

"The health insurance industry has long had the idea of providing an advice service; the AA has 250 shops linked by a computer system handling motor and household insurance. We devised an advice programme that could be used on that computer system. Customers could go into an AA shop and, with the help of someone there, ask advice from the computer about suitable options and answer the computer's questions about themselves and their health."

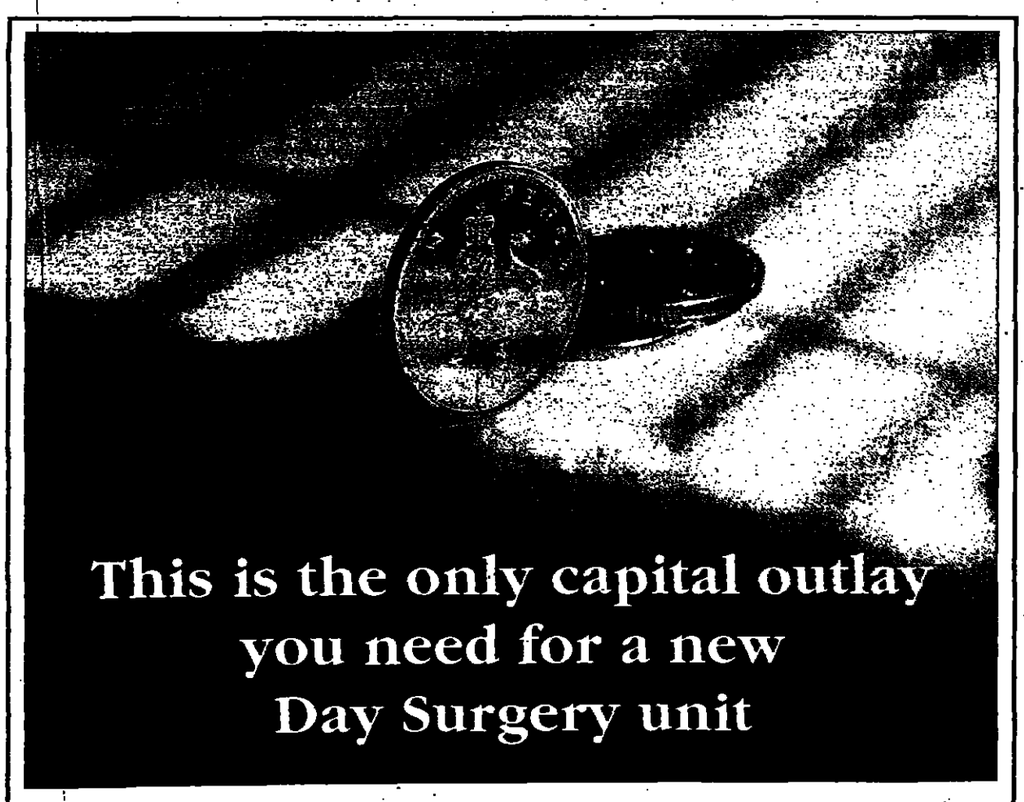
There were four elements in the list of options offered on screen: private medical cover up to £20,000 a year, £15,000 cash if one of a list of serious illnesses were diagnosed, income protection payments of up to £400 a month, and up to £350 a week during hospital treatment, with many possible combinations of insurance options and customer age.

The AA quotes sample costs for a couple aged 34 and 31, both non-smokers, with two young children; he is in a paid job, she at home. They want a pick-and-mix package of weekly hospital benefit, serious illness lump sum and income protection for him and private medical cover for her and for the children. The monthly premium would be £46.98.

Where the yellow badge of the AA goes, the crowned blue badge of the Royal Automobile Club usually follows, if (as the RAC has been known to remark) it is not there already. The RAC also offers motor, travel, household and other insurances, including health insurance sold mainly by direct mail shots.

However, with 23 shops against the AA's 250, is it planning to enter the pick-and-mix health insurance business? At present, says Sue Roberts, RAC marketing manager: "We offer the Norwich Union's Personal Care private medical plan by mail... with 15 per cent discount to RAC members: that means at a very reasonable cost — for example, for someone aged between 40 and 59, £14.95 a month."

Has the RAC any plans to offer a version of the AA scheme? So far, Ms Roberts is not saying...



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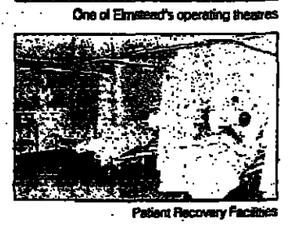

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Shop-floor strategy

Medical check-ups for all company staff can produce a healthy pay-off for everyone, says **Irene Farnsworth**

Healthy dividends from investment in medical check-ups have persuaded more companies to pay for screening schemes for employees. The trend is for entire workforces to be screened and for information packages, often tailor-made, to be made available. These place great emphasis on health education to convince people that lifestyle has a bearing on fitness.

Heightened awareness of the importance of diet and exercise in promoting and maintaining good health and of the dangers of stress, alcohol and substance abuse have made many people willing to take responsibility for their own well-being. "Employees welcome the opportunity for screening and employers can see the benefits of a healthier workforce," says Keith Biddlestone, business development director of BUPA Health Services. "There is a tangible payback, increased profitability."

BUPA, which pioneered health screening in the UK, also constructs combined programmes of screening and occupational health and gives guidance on sickness management. It also offers a mobile screening service which can be taken to the workplace. The organisation gives health checks to 90,000 people a year and believes it is the largest screening organisation in Western europe.

Fees for BUPA health screens are: men, £342 (£308 for BUPA members); women, £366 (£329) with reduced fees for subsequent annual visits. A full examination includes a 45-minute consultation with a doctor and approximately 20 tests, including an electrocardiogram, blood pressure and pulse rate and a full blood profile, plus cervical smears and breast examination.

Dr David Ashton, clinical director, BMI Healthcare, says the object of screening is to give people guided self help. In the past ten to 15 years there had been a tremendous emphasis on preventative medicine and, because there is an increasing amount of evidence to indicate steps can be taken to circumvent certain diseases, the focus had grown stronger. "The aim of health screening is to give people specific information to enable them to take the necessary action themselves — to reduce cholesterol, for example, by limiting their intake of saturated fats," he says.

Dr Ashton believes that health education should start with schoolchildren. He also says that not enough attention is paid to improving the physical condition of elderly people. There is evidence to show that exercise, even by people in their 70s, improves muscle strength and increases bone density.

A comprehensive Healthlinx screening, a PPP/BMI initiative, costs £297 for men and £319 for women, including mammography, and is offered at a lower corporate price of £275 (male) and £295 (female).

Nuffield Hospital's full health assessment for men, covering consultation and physical examination of 11 areas, including testicular examination, and an assessment which includes chest X-rays for smokers and bowel cancer tests for those over 50, costs £242. For women it is £273 and the assessment incorporates mammography and cervical smears. An eye screening service has been introduced to help employers comply with EC legislation on eye testing of VDU operators.

Data produced by Nuffield Hospital shows that up to 60 per cent of strokes are suffered by people with high blood pressure and that most of the 1,700 women a year who die from cervical cancer have never been screened. Another sobering statistic is that one in four men and one in 12 women drink more than the recommended alcohol limits.

Dr Eleanor Birks, director of screening at the Evelyn Hospital, in Cambridge, says that an estimated 30 per cent of people screened were referred by companies, the rest paid for the service themselves. "I consider screening to be largely educational," she says. "There has been a huge change in attitudes since I came into screening four years ago. It has become a much more relevant issue."

The biggest threat to health, after cigarettes and alcohol, is that people fail to realise that working 18 hours a day for 18 years spells trouble, Dr Birks says.

"It is hard for them to accept that exercise and leisure time isn't wasted, but can have positive benefits. The quality of work is enhanced."

A common factor threatening the health of women in their fifties is the stress caused by the responsibility of having elderly relatives living with them combined with the worry of having children with university degrees unable to get jobs, according to a nationwide screening programme carried out by the Medical Express Clinic in Harley Street, central London.

Peggy Munro-Hall, the clinic's senior nursing sister, helped to screen 1,200 people in a pilot scheme for the agriculture ministry. She says that 80 per cent of the civil servants offered screening took advantage of it.

Mrs Munro-Hall is in charge of screening at the private health care centre's walk-in clinic. Since its inception in 1984, more than 73,000 people have used the clinic and 150,000 diagnostic tests have been done. The clinic has its own laboratories and results of various tests can be given speedily. AIDS and HIV tests have been in demand in recent years. Some couples planning marriage take the test together.

Barbican Medical, a City-based private health company, offers executive health screening at £255 and well-woman and well-man screening both at £130. The company offers physiotherapy, a sports injury clinic and fitness clinics and has one of only a few clinics in London dealing with repetitive strain injury.

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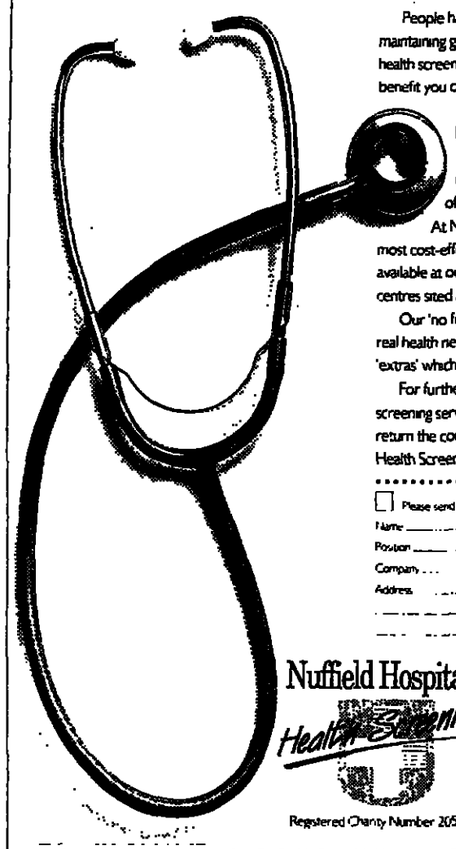

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Advances in "keyhole" surgery techniques, coupled with corresponding developments in anaesthetics, have triggered a boom in day-case operations.

The early misgivings, among surgeons and patients, that cutting out overnight in-patient hospital care would result in a clinical conveyor-belt practice in which speed was of the essence, have given way to a recognition that day surgery can be positively beneficial. *Irene Farnsworth writes.*

A report on day surgery in England and Wales by the Audit Commission found that clinicians' attitudes were changing gradually and predicted that more surgeons and anaesthetists would recognise the advantages of day surgery for suitable patients. The benefits pinpointed were that patients are treated sooner, spend less time away from home and that specialised facilities match the needs of patients more closely. Day surgery was shown to be in no way inferior for appropriate surgical procedures it was better.

This view is shared by David Dunn, a general surgeon specialising in gall bladder laparoscopic "keyhole" surgery. Working at the Addenbrooke's Hospital and at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, he pioneered minimal invasive surgery in East Anglia and runs training courses for other surgeons from all over the world.

"Now that we have not only better techniques but better analgesics as well, it is possible for us to do much more major surgery at day clinics," says Mr Dunn, who does 40 per cent of gall-bladder operations on his list at day clinics.

He says the vast majority of day-case patients are delighted that they can go home to their own beds but a few of his patients, though well enough to be released, might have benefited psychologically from being kept in hospital overnight.

> 'People recover more quickly. By the time they have been taken to a room to be observed they are almost ready to leave'

"People vary enormously in their bounce-back abilities. I offer patients day surgery but assure them they will be kept in hospital if necessary."

Sister Joyce Fraser, theatre manager at the Evelyn Hospital, a small private hospital registered as a charity, says most patients are relieved not to have the old invasive surgery and not to have to stay in hospital. She says: "Less-invasive surgery is done more quickly and people recover more quickly. They are extensively nursed in the operating room and in the recovery ward. New drugs mean that patients wake up sooner. By the time they are taken to a room to be observed they are almost ready to go home."

Last year, the Evelyn, which invested £75,000 in equipment for minimally invasive surgery, did an additional 41 day operations, pushing up the total to nearly 1,000. The hospital's charge for a "keyhole" operation is £1,600 plus the surgeon's and anaesthetist's fees, £1,000 less than normal open surgery — accounted for by the saving on eight days' in-patient nursing.

Mike Eastwood is national marketing manager at Nuffield Hospitals, which initiated fixed-price surgery 15 years ago and, like other private hospitals, is looking at offering credit facilities. He believes that day-surgery treatment will make operations more affordable privately.

Nearly 50 per cent of operations done last year at Derby Nuffield Hospital, where 1,500 patients were treated, were day cases. The top ten procedures included stomach gastroscopy; arthroscopy (investigating knee problems); and insertion of grommets (an ear operation made less traumatic for children). On average 35 per cent of operations undertaken at the charitable trust's network of 32 acute-care hospitals from Glasgow to Plymouth are now done as day surgery. Almost 40 per cent of surgical work done at BMI's 16 hospitals is done on a day-case basis.

John Jackson, director of quality, BMI Healthcare, which is part of General Health Care Group, says: "Day surgery is an important and increasing part of our work. The rate of growth has increased noticeably in the past three years because of the changes in treatments and surgical techniques. Our research shows that those who have chosen day surgery are satisfied and more people are opting for it."

Of the 30 Bupa hospitals in the UK, 26 have purpose-built units designed to cater for day surgery to be carried out Monday to Saturday. The Wirral hospital, where there was a 20 per cent increase in day cases in 1992 over 1991, is now handling more day patients than in-patients. For every 100 in-patients there are 113 day-care patients.

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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on Jonathan Harvey's brilliantly imaginative first opera

Hell and back: a beautiful trip

Inquest of Love
Coliseum

Jonathan Harvey has probably enjoyed more media attention in the last few weeks than ever before in his life. He has been valued as one of Britain's leading composers for a quarter of a century, but in this funny old world it seems to take the composition of an opera to guarantee even the finest composer wide public attention, a problem that Schubert recognised but failed to crack. At 54, Harvey is luckier: Schubert wasn't allowed to live that long.

Inquest of Love — the first word is divisible into two — has been in Harvey's mind for 20 years, a mind also occupied by powerful pan-religious and philosophical impulses. The surface action is simple. A pair of slightly over-enthusiastic lovers, Ann and John, are to marry; Ann's sister, Elspeth, John's discarded mistress, interrupts the wedding and shoots first the happy couple and then herself (the incident is replayed twice, *Rashomon*-style). In the second act three supernatural beings guide the victims through a Gluckian Elysium and a hellish purgatorial limbo, where truths are told and self-knowledge forced upon them; they return to earth purified, to complete the wedding in a blaze of musical and stage light.

This is mainstream operatic stuff. Tippett's *Midsummer Marriage* looms large, as do various settings of the Orpheus legend, *The Magic Flute* and even *Cosi fan tutte*. There are verbal and, I think, musical echoes of *The Dream of Gerontius*. What Harvey's music adds, in its bold individuality and freshness of inspiration, to a generally Tippettian vocabulary is brilliantly imaginative use of electronics, surely the most successful yet in opera. The mixture of orchestral and electronic sound produces effects of spell-binding beauty — the music of the spheres, indeed — unsurpassed even by Stockhausen, and a synthesizer can do extraordinary things to even the most common chord (for one, make it fall off the edge, like a Dalí watch).

For the most part the extra-orchestral sounds are used to suggest disorder, dislocation, the descent into chaos, and to scarifying effect. *Inquest* is above all theatre music — Harvey has been an unobtrusively familiar figure in opera houses over the years, listening to how others have done it — and there are countless immediately striking passages.

They include a dangerously, Wagnerianly ecstatic love duet at the beginning (Fiordiligi-like self-parody?); a deliciously loonie waltz (Ravel squared); howls of anguish from the brass to end the first act; Gluckian airiness in Elysium and sheer black terror in limbo, where verbal references to identifiable murder cases and war crimes add context and universality to what at first sight could seem a parochial scenario. The quadruple fortissimo affirmation of the finale, complete with the voices of Straussian unborn children, is a knock-out.

Harvey has not consistently solved what seems to me the overriding problem in the crisis of contemporary opera, the separation of recitative and (put baldly) aria: his recitative is skilful, but his arias contain vital information that doesn't always get across — some sections could with advantage be re-set in more communicative registers of the human voice. But, at 54, he has emerged as a born opera composer.

With its daringly conceived and confidently executed production, the current English National Opera management team goes out in a blaze of glory. For Mark Elder's control of an enormously complex score, nothing but admiration, and David Pountney's spectacular staging (the spirit guides make a flying entrance) marches with Harvey's vision. Again, potentially parochial references — tennis rackets, cricket bats — are balanced by Pountney's and Ian Spink's use of a 15-strong semi-chorus of young soloists and Second Stride dancers, all of whom deserve mention and all of whom serve to bring universality to the action. Nigel Lowery's brightly coloured decor is apt: his vision of hell as a train crash distinctly troubling.

Linda McLeod and Peter Coleman-Wright (the lovers) and Helen Field (the sister) give their roles everything they've got, which is a great deal, and Ethna Robinson relishes her gratefully written spirit-messenger role, part Elgar's Angel, part Brangaene. As her partners, Nan Christie and Barry Banks deal discreetly with a certain jokiness that is the only arguable drawback to Harvey's and David Rudkin's libretto.

DONALD COOPER

Linda McLeod and Ethna Robinson (rear); Peter Coleman-Wright and Barry Banks (front)

FESTIVAL

Haydn in the shires

Some ideas are so eccentric that they deserve to succeed. The quaint little Shropshire town of Bridgnorth has absolutely no connection with Franz Joseph Haydn, whose English travels in the 1790s went no further north-west than Oxford. What more obvious ambition for Bridgnorth, then, than to inaugurate the annual **English Haydn Festival**? The four-day feast that came about last week has probably been the most entertaining thing to hit the town since Cromwell blew up its castle.

Entertainment, moreover, has marched with scholarship. Bridgnorth cannily invited the indefatigable H.C. Robbins Landon to be its artistic director. And for the final concert on Saturday the veteran scholar managed — with the flourish of a magician producing rabbits from a hat — to turn up four Haydn pieces never before performed in Britain.

One, a "Salve Regina" for soprano, chorus and orchestra, proved to be a jewel. What young Haydn's feelings were when his girlfriend went off to be a nun can only be imagined. But, stiffening the upper lip, he wrote this sumptuous little work for the ceremony to admit her into the nunnery — and married her sister instead. The piece mixes lovely florid writing for the soloist (accurately if rather mechanically executed by Margaret Richardson) with churchier choral passages: even in this early work some of Haydn's magical major/minor changes are in evidence.

For the fragments of the Missa "Sunt bona mixta malis" the welcome must be less rapturous. Despite its crazy name ("good mixed with bad": believed to be Haydn's own joke about his early output) and its crazy history (manuscript discovered in Northern Ireland farmhouse attic ten years ago, and auctioned for £140,000) this "Kyrie" and unfinished "Gloria" are turgid contrapuntal exercises, as severe as a starched surplice.

More impressive are the Four Hymns for Corpus Christi. Haydn was barely out of short trousers when he wrote them, and all are in jog-along triple-time C major, which is a bit wearing. But the two solo female voices interweave intriguingly with the chorus, and the last hymn offers a tantalising hint of Haydn's Greatest Hit — the Emperor Quartet. Also well worth the detour, as the guidebooks say, is the soprano aria "La mia pace, oh Dio", which Haydn wrote to pep up an opera by Gassman: languid initially, then bursting into flamboyant life.

All this, plus a fervent performance of the Nelson Mass, was delivered in good style by the Haydn Festival Orchestra: a fine body of Midlands freelancers led by John Reid and conducted, a shade stolidly, by Howard Snell. The specially assembled Haydn Festival Chorus — local amateur talent — left something more to be desired: commitment total, but tone unlovely. That can be improved next year. And I hope there will be many more next years. The church was packed, the atmosphere ebullient. Haydn would have been ecstatic to see that his music still thrills the phlegmatic English.

RICHARD MORRISON

Axles, elbows and the promise of woodland games

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** is stirred but not shaken by a new *Lady Chatterley*

Side-saddle in long black riding skirt and neat black hat, Lady Chatterley (Joely Richardson) urges a black stallion through a sort of cloister, lined with eerie upright stiffs in khaki trousers. She looks a bit worried, as well she might. Just a minute ago, she was leading a normal life, but now Ken Russell has caught her up in a Lawrentian dream of desire, involving pale dead soldiers stripped to the waist and overgrown with roses, the impotent Sir Clifford (James Wilby) drowning in a river, and the aforementioned horse (symbolising passion) rearing up and whinnying, before cantering back down the tunnel.

It is all very peculiar, and possibly the result of eating cheese before bedtime, especially the bit when Lady Chatterley looks to the opposite bank and sees the saturnine Mellors (Sean Bean) standing expressionless with his shiny brown boots and big long shotgun. Mmm. Stallion, tunnel, shotgun, boots. It all sounds familiar, but why can one never find one's *Freud for Beginners* when one needs it?

Is this a woman who, in her father's rather unfortunate choice of metaphor, needs her axle greasing? Well, yes, obviously. But the considerable achievement of last night's first instalment of **Lady Chatterley** (BBC 1) was that it wasn't particularly sexy; the viewer in search of prurient pleasures was better advised to watch the Alan Clark profile on BBC 2. Mainly it concentrated on Connie (that's Lady C) in her many sterling efforts to ameliorate her barren life with Clifford — from after-dinner needlepoint to late-night potty-carrying; from flaunting her body to inviting the vicar to tea; from bravely hostessing a Christmas festivity with an orchid sprouting out of her head, to looking dowdy and desperate in a brown cardigan. This was clearly a woman who was doing her best, under extremely trying circumstances.

The great value of Ken Russell, though, is that he never quite allows such naturalistic character development to sweep you along. There is a story about Tennessee Williams that when performing in his own late play *Small Craft Warnings*, he would drunkenly ad-lib until the phrase "small craft warnings" cropped up, at which point he faced front and toasted the audience, saying, "Yes, ladies and gentlemen, that is the title of the play, and I am the author."

With similar back-seat modesty, Ken Russell not only turns up on screen in Lady Chatterley as Connie's white-haired, brick-faced father (the man whose mind runs to axle-grease), but also raises several genial glasses to the audience by using overtly Ken Russell music. Ken Russell painted faces, and by displaying Ken Russell disregard and elemental and crunchy underfoot, where the fabulously attractive Mellors has his rude hut, where he shoots pussy-cats remorselessly and hammers chicken-wire into wooden frames (with roughly the same unconvincing level of whackety-whack expertise as Lady C yanking at her needlepoint). In the woods, Connie feels free. She can stand in front of an enormous tree, press her back against its trunk, and reach her fingers across the bark with her eyes closed.

It will be worth watching more of this. James Wilby is superb as Sir Clifford, a character that turns out not to be dead in the water, after all. Joely Richardson, as always, is numinous; while Sean Bean, yet to be properly unleashed, is evidently playing Mellors as a vulnerable bloke, already stung with visible quickenings of love for her ladyship. I suddenly realised why Sir Mervyn Griffith-Jones at the Lady Chatterley trial made that regrettable remark about not wanting your wife or servant to read it. It's because the book is *about* a wife and a servant. It's like saying that you wouldn't want your cat to read a book about caviare. You don't want them to know what they're missing.

Lady Chatterley (Joely Richardson) "doing her best", Mellors (Sean Bean) "yet to be unleashed"

DANCE: **John Percival** on a Royal Ballet premiere

Brief, bleak encounters

La Ronde
Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet has not made much use of the three powerful, sombre works which Glen Tetley made for it between 1970 and 1980. *Field Figures*, *Laborintus* and even the magnificent *Dances of Albion* were each dropped within a couple of years. Will his new production, *La Ronde*, fare better?

This time he has provided, to suit the company's present style, a comparatively undemanding and semi-dramatic piece. The structure, derived from Schnitzler's notorious fin-de-siècle play *Reigen*, is simple, maybe too simple: ten duets, each a bleak sexual encounter, following straight upon one another, with just one brief ensemble at the end before a final solo.

Given this constricting requirement, few choreographers could vary more adroitly and skilfully the entrances, encounters, embraces and embitterments. But a seduction is a seduction, and in this context — one every five minutes for nearly an hour — the characterisation inevitably requires more individuality than Trevitt's blunt, forthrightly virile soldier is distinguishable by his manner as well as his uniform; and Ashley Page's count is strikingly decadent in appearance and behaviour.

But how do you tell a young gentleman from a husband or a poet, or the nuances of their official relationships with the various women, when all are much of a muchness? So the social stratification which Tetley identified in his interview in *The Times* last Thursday as an important part of the subject gets lost.

John Macfarlane's costumes provide a quick and handsome identification tag for everybody. Fashion tip: gentlemen remove only their coats to do it; servant girls do it fully dressed, and ladies in voluminous undergarments. Macfarlane also varies his setting cleverly from outdoors to indoors and back again, but in so stylised a way that some might find it confusing.

Sinfonietta, is less helpful. A remarkably assured composition for a 15-year-old, it provides an apt and pleasant background, striking moments but not much variety.

Tetley's chief success is in making his cast dance well. Bruce Sansom gave the husband a brusque arrogance; Fiona Chadwick as the actress showed a voluptuousness that escaped her colleagues. Darcey Bussell may not be the most convincing prostitute, but she stretched and shuddered evocatively, left alone at curtain fall; and two newcomers, Ann De Vos and Mara Galeazzi, showed bright confidence.

Would that the rest of the programme had been so well prepared and aptly performed. A pity that a recent fall prevented Ninette de Valois from overseeing the revival of *Checkmate* in honour of her 95th birthday. She would have drilled those red pawns into a much stricter uniformity. Still, both David Bintley and Stephen Jefferies, at successive performances, gave vivid and subtle accounts of Chadwick's black queen caught the seductiveness and menace which Bussell, too, might have in that role with better direction.

Bussell is the more convincing of two casts as the siren in Balanchine's *Prodigal Son*, but this ballet too lacked something in Patricia Neary's revival. Many details looked different from the Royal Ballet's earlier revival, and for the better, especially the expurgated dance for the prodigal's servants. If you could combine Irek Mukhamedov's strong and expressive dancing in the title role with Tetsuya Kumakawa's boyish appearance in the same part, and add a sense of desolation to the final scenes that is missing this time round, the revival would be much more for adequate lip-synch. On top of which, there is the hilarious moment when Connie is advised to pop down to the woods to "get some colour in her cheeks" when a large Ken Russell elbow actually comes barging out of the television screen and nudges the viewer in the ribs.

Ah yes, the woods. All rustling

La Ronde: Viviana Durante and Christopher Saunders

DANCE: **Nadine Meisner** on some American visitors

Unfair shares for all

White Oak
Sadler's Wells

The unexpected arrival in London of the White Oak Dance Project is not the fault of Sadler's Wells. Mikhail Baryshnikov's contemporary dance troupe were not due to come to Britain at all. But when a European booking fell through at the eleventh hour, Sadler's Wells snapped them up for two evenings.

Even more than on White Oak's previous visit, Baryshnikov is the focus of the single programme they are carrying. Besides featuring in the cast for Mark Morris's *Mosaic and United*, he performs two sizable solos. At first glance they seemed like opposite sides of the same coin: black trousers and black top for Morris's *Three Preludes* to Gershwin piano pieces; the equivalent in white for Twyla Tharp's *Pergolesi* to excerpts of music by, or attributed to, that composer.

Baryshnikov's ballet-dancer's precision infused tension into *Three Preludes*; whereas when Morris performed it at last year's Edinburgh Festival his looser, cooler approach suited better the playful, song-and-dance man resonances of the choreography, white-gloved hands flapping, spat-ted feet twinkling.

The Tharp solo, though, presumably tailor-made for Baryshnikov, developed into something deeply satisfying, its denser choreographic texture and twists of mood highlighting Baryshnikov's still-considerable gifts. A natural comedian, he knew exactly how to pitch the sudden lurches into deadpan jokes about his balletic past — gesturing to an invisible ballerina, reeling dizzily after corkscrew pirouettes, showing disbelief at his own arabesques.

And then there were the refined accents and rubato of his phrasing, and that elevation, not so diminished, that allowed him just to lift off, like someone effortlessly bounding up a few invisible steps. He may at 45 no longer be able to perform the classical princes; but welcome to the older dancer. Let there be countless other roles for him and talented coevals with which they can dazzle us.

The rest of the evening belonged to the bizarre. *Jocose*, created in the 1980s, is a piece by the late Hanya Holm and clearly not one of her best. Three women circled, paced and fell in and out of partnerships with two men. Lacking coherence, the exercise hovered uneasily between patterns of movement to fill Ravel's Sonata for Violin and Piano and what looked like a confused satire of social relationships.

Morris's *Mosaic and United* piled on the weirdness, with mysterious groupings, skippings and tremblings as plotless responses to two string quartets by Henry Cowell. The five figures, clad in variants on the pyjama theme, looked to me like gruesome spectres surfacing from someone's appalling subconscious.

All of which leaves me to conclude that the excellent Kate Johnson and her fellow dancers deserve a better showcase; and that Baryshnikov needs to bring in an extra, objective pair of eyes to help with the programming.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

LONDON SINFONIETTA. The Sinfonietta's Elektra Nonesuch recording of Henryk Górecki's Third Symphony, with soprano Dawn Upshaw and conductor David Zinman, brought considerable attention to the reclusive Polish composer and made him the first living classical composer to top the British classical charts and enter the pop charts. Tonight the Sinfonietta reunites with soprano Dawn Upshaw to perform the work in an all-Górecki programme conducted by Paul Daniel.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

JONATHAN SHIN'AR: The pianist makes his Wigmore Hall debut playing pieces by Grieg, Chopin, the Israeli duo Ben-Haim, and gives the British premiere of a work by Noam Sheriff.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: The leading Czechoslovakian conductor Libor Pešek conducts movements from Smetana's folk-music inspired *Má Vlast* and Janáček's *Glagolitic Mass*. The soloists are Helen Field, Ameral Gunson, John Horton Murray, Roger Roloff and John Birch. With the Brighton Festival Chorus.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

ARIODANTE: Penultimate performance of English National Opera's new staging of the Handel opera, now under the baton of Harry Bicket. A top-flight cast includes Ann Murray (Ariodante), Amanda Roocroft (Ginevra) and Lesley Garrett (Dalinda).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7pm.

BARCLAYS NEW STAGES. The festival of new works continues. The five men of Paris Performance Association dissect contemporary culture in *SPAM* (Theatre Upstairs, eves, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm); and the well-established Forced Entertainment Theatre Co-operative experiment with beauty and hope in *Emanuelle Enchanted* (main house, tonight-Wed, 8pm).
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745).

ANDY SHEPPARD'S BIG CO-MOTION: Saxophonist Sheppard performs with an electric ten-piece during a one-week residency.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). Tonight-Sat, 8.30pm.

REGIONAL

CANTERBURY. Peter Knapp's lively **Travelling Opera** arrives in Canterbury with concentrated versions of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, with Julia Urwin as Rosina (tonight), and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, with Knapp himself in the leading role (tomorrow).
Marlowe Theatre, The Friars (0227 767246), eves, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The Royal Lyceum's season of farce continues with Michael Frayn's matchless backstage comedy **Noises Off**. *Rockaby Nook* is set to join the repertoire on June 18.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

EDINBURGH: The musical **Return to the Forbidden Planet** varied the usual formula of a compilation show by sticking a dozen hits from the golden years of rock 'n' roll ("Who's Sorry Now?", "Great Balls of Fire") onto the plot of the 1950 sci-fi movie. The irresistible mix of great songs, Shakespeare misquotes and deliberately tacky decor kept the show running in the West End for three years.
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street (031-229 1201). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

SALISBURY: Good Morning, Bill. P.G. Wodehouse's comedy of love and golf follows his young hero, aided or otherwise by Lord Squiffy Tidmarsh, in his affair with a dashed attractive woman doctor.
Playhouse, Maltings Lane (0722 320333). Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE BESHT TELLERS** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company offers two poignant, exhilarating tales.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins. Final week.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 170mins. Final week.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA.** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Nicky Henson in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins. Final week.

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS.** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm. 115mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN.** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves is an admirable Juno.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **LEONARDO:** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical, great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **NICE DOROTHY.** Auriol Smith plays the sensible, middle-aged spinster who suddenly discovers sex: David Cregan's likable look at late love.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT** Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm. 180mins. Final perfs.

◩ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **STUDS:** Intricate ensemble playing by Dublin's Passion Machine makes foot-stamping theatre from the antics of a hopeless soccer team.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FALLING DOWN** (18). White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that imitates society's sores to no good purpose. Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey; director, Joel Schumacher.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

JAMON, JAMON (18): Juvenile sexual frolic with unfulfilled pretensions from Catalan director Bigas Luna. With Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem, Stefania Sandrelli.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15). A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

SILVERLAKE LIFE — THE VIEW FROM HERE: Harrowing personal record of a gay couple stricken with Aids. Directors, Tom Joslin, Peter Friedman.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

BAD BEHAVIOUR (15). Domestic tangles in North London. Droll improvised comedy from director Les Blair, with Stephen Rea, Sinead Cusack.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12). Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MADAME BOVARY (PG): Claude Chabrol adapts Flaubert; annoyingly dull, despite Isabelle Huppert as the bored provincial wife.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

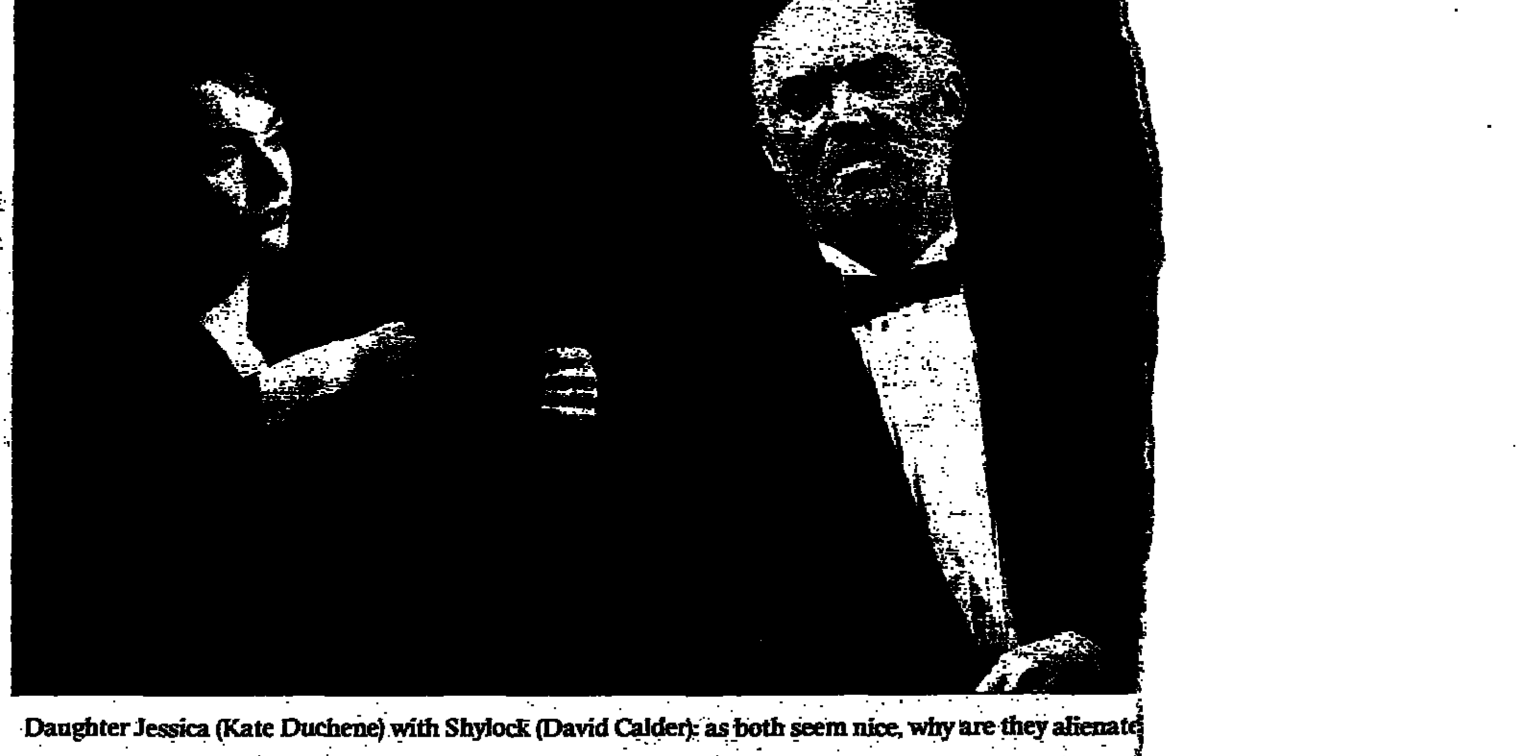
◆ **PASSENGER 57** (15): Breezy revival of the *Airport* format, with Bruce Payne. Director, Kevin Hooks.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum. Director, Jon Amiel.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a Shakespeare staging with a contemporary settin[g]

Shylock among the city slicker[s]

The Merchant of Venice
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford



DONALD [...]

Daughter Jessica (Kate Duchene) with Shylock (David Calder): as both seem nice, why are they alienate[d]

AS WE settle into our seats, there is nothing to see but a vast screen of Perspex panes, suggesting that the RSC's latest *Merchant* is to be set in an overblown greenhouse. But then it slides open, revealing something weirder still. Shelagh Keegan's split-level set with its steel stairs, walkways and vast slanting tubes. At first it is a neo-brutalist office, packed with people making phone calls, tapping at computers or simply bustling about. Later it becomes a garish disco in which the MTV generation writhes away beneath throbbing red lights. Either way, this is hardly a Venice of gondolas and guitars or, for that matter, palazzos and Doges.

David Thacker, who directs, presumably wants to identify Gratiano and his chums with our own yuppies and slickers. But the approach brings with it more problems than gains. In this smart, cool Venice men might stick metaphoric knives into each others' backs, but would hardly start slicing off bits of one another with real ones. If it takes a mighty suspension of disbelief to imagine Clifford Rose's sophisticated Antonio spitting on a fellow businessman and calling him dog, it takes a greater one to watch David Calder's Shylock, so much part of the same world, doing and saying some of the things Shakespeare asks.

He is first seen in his shirtsleeves in front of his laptop, a civilised and, it emerges, a cultured city gent. Not only does he take a lively interest in Jewish history, as the text invites; he listens to classical music on the hi-fi while toying sadly with a photo of his dead wife. That last touch is a good one, but the interpretation as a whole is hardly plausible. Would a well-to-do cousin of the Rothschilds, as Calder seems to be, mutter so malignantly about pork, moneybags and his hatred for Christians? And why is Kate Duchene's Jessica, who seems a nice, sensitive girl, so alienated from a father as sensitive and, yes, nice as this?

Calder's failure to suggest danger or a capacity for moral ugliness in the early stages is a pity, for his Shylock is unexpectedly strong in the later ones. Jessica's disloyalty, and especially her sale of the ring his late wife gave him, transform him into a man distraught and, before long, obsessed. It is with a kind of mad determination that, his business suit replaced by gabardine and skullcap, he takes his knife to the quaking Antonio. But it is as if the late Sidney Bernstein had become Sweeney Todd, not the likeliest of changes, whatever the provocation.

Nor is the provocation in this production as strong as it sometimes is these days. Portia, a sort of Italian Unity Mitford when I last saw her, is played by Penny Downie as a woman with a warm and noble heart, whether she is arguing the case for mercy or displaying her love for Owen Teale's good-natured Bassanio. Her parting sneer at the Prince of Morocco — "let all of his complexion choose me so" — has actually been cut, presumably because it might taint her with racism.

And what mainly characterises R[...] Antonio is a melancholy homose[xual]ity that, when they talk of him[,] Bassanio, leaves the Venetian y[...] grinning knowingly behind their glasses. Only Mark Lockyer's br[...] Gratiano seems to be a comm[...] anti-Semite, out and out.

In so far as it means the Chri[stians] retain some of the sympathy S[hake]speare wanted, Thacker's cauti[on is] justified. But it does not help C[alder] motivate Shylock or make his hu[...]tions easier to credit. The perform[...] and the production need more w[...] and at a deeper level than faxes, m[obile] phones, and the like.

CONCERT

More art, less matter

Gavin Bryars Ensemble
Queen Elizabeth Hall

WHEN in 1976 a friend introduced me to the old Obscure Records recording of Gavin Bryars's *Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet*, I was deeply touched by what I heard. Here was an affecting piece which took as its material a recording of an old tramp singing 13 bars of a religious song repeated over and over again for about 20 minutes. All Bryars had done was to *add a soupy accompaniment* that gently developed as the piece progressed. The ironic poignancy of the old man's faith, unmoved by the tribulations he must have suffered on the streets, was powerful indeed.

Bryars has now recorded a new version of CD length (Point Music CD 438 823-2), one of whose selling points is that it features the American singer Tom Waits. A truncated, live version of this — live meaning that real instruments played along with the taped ones — formed the climax to last Thursday's concert. It was accompanied by film by Tim Head, the imagery of which consisted of lots of different sized cogs with their spokes on the inside of their circumferences, all revolving counterclockwise.

I happen rather to like Waits's work, decadent and sentimental though it is. But his slight contribution to this work — taped of course — is ruinous; he takes over the tramp's song at the end of an obviously stuck-on coda that also introduces the sickliest of counterpoints on solo violin. Does Bryars not realise that the impact of the piece as it was originally depended on its artlessness? Probably, but Tom Waits sells records.

Before this we heard four works, a tiresome procession of the dull, pretentious and trendy. Bryars's music is slow and quiet, superficially pleasant but based on harmonic clichés, predictably plodding accompanimental figures, melodies bereft of imagination, textures with no light and shade, structures with no shape. *Allegrasco* (1[...], revised 1990), designed to high[light] the clarinet (Roger Heaton), imm[ediate]ly anaesthetised the senses. Fou[r of] the ten five-minute movements wh[ich] constitute *A Man in a Room Ga[m]bling* (1992), in which Juan Munc[...] broadcast-style didactic texts abo[ut] cheating at poker-dealing are dou[...] accompanied, made one grateful th[at] the other six were not offered.

In the equally dull *The Tower o[f] Lobenicht* (1987), prominently featu[r]ing the solo violin of Bill Hawkes, tim[e] and again one section would close onl[y] for another laboriously to begin. *Sub Rosa* (1986), a comment on the guitarist Bill Frisell's solo *Throughout*, I cannot recall at all: by now the old grey matter had been entirely shut down.

STEPHEN PETTITT

OPERA

Recipe for a taste of failure

Zuppa Inglese
Playhouse, Oxford

ON THE strength of my consistent enjoyment of the antics of Pimlico Opera, whether they be working on *Sweeney Todd* at Wormwood Scrubs, or staging *Falstaff* in St John's, Smith Square, I took the train to Oxford to catch them on their fifth summer tour. The enterprise turned out to be a sad miscalculation on both parts.

I made the journey hoping I could give a tip in advance for their London performances this week; they put on a double bill of Daryl Runswick and Rossini. Runswick (of Electric Phoenix fame) had noted the following facts: that Rossini once tried to visit Beethoven in Vienna; that the gourmet Rossini's great diva was Maria Malibran; and that Wagner once wrote an account of an imaginary composer's visit to Beethoven. From these ingredients, Runswick concocted his *Zuppa Inglese*, a limping one-acter which would, I suspect, have been outstripped by any of the undergraduate entertainment currently on offer in neighbouring quad or cloister.

The score is easy Rossini, Beethoven, Wagner — and Runswick — pastiche: the tale, of whimsically confused identities, is a formless *mélange* of shudderingly embarrassing monologues and tired jokes. This *Zuppa* may call itself a trifle, but I defy anyone to discover anything in it but soggy sponge.

The confection did at least provide warming-up time for Nicole Tibbels (Rossini), Robin Green (Carpani) and Gavin Carr (Beethoven), who reappeared after the interval as Sofia, Florvil and Bruschino *padre* in Rossini's one-act farce, *Il signor Bruschino*.

Directed (a little) by Paul Maloney and conducted (efficiently) by Martin Merry, the evening at least ended with colour, form and a few good tunes. But no one should underestimate the difficulty of pulling off this kind of calculatedly ridiculous, quicksilver farce without the most secure command of Rossinian idiom and timing. Pimlico's 12-piece band were cruelly exposed and, despite some unflagging vocalising from a cast which also included Christine Botes and Simon Preece, the company's credibility has certainly taken a knock or two.

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Adam Thorpe is unimpressed by the pedantry he finds masquerading as satires on deconstruction in the juvenilia of Umberto Eco

What's in the name of the rose?

Umberto Eco: his early prose only hints at the master's later success

MISREADINGS
By Umberto Eco
Translated by William Weaver
Jonathan Cape, £9.99

Umberto Eco is an international literary superstar; this presumably justified the publication of *Misreadings*. Its basis is a volume published in Italy in 1963, which in turn was garnered from a kind of highbrow Miles Kington column in an avant-garde literary magazine that flourished some thirty years ago. There is a faint whiff here of that well-known phenomenon that encouraged someone once to seek out and publish Joyce's examination papers of 1912. This catch of parodies and pastiches is not, however, aimed at the academic specialist, but at the countless Eco fans who emptied airport bookshop dump-bins of their most unlikely loads.

Merely describing the book's contents brings a faint blush: a version of *Lolita* in which Umberto Umberto is fixated on "varicose" grannies instead of prepubescents; a paper from the proceedings of the "IV Intergalactic Congress of Archaeological Studies, Sirius" which finds, in fragments of pop songs, the genius of our long-destroyed civilisation; a Roland Barthes-like analysis of a striptease act which only half a tonne in its cheek; brash readers' reports on — you've guessed it — the Bible, *The Odyssey* and so forth: a parody of Robbe-Grillet from the days when Robbe-Grillet was already beginning to smell a bit high: a reasonably amusing moan from a politically-turbulent Heaven which was interrupted, in my copy, by a thirty-page binding error which returned me to the IV Intergalactic Congress *etc*; a pastiche of the Frankfurt school's style of criticism which replicates only too accurately the tedium of Adorno and his ilk; the Discovery of America done as a TV extravaganza, with a mildly amusing confusion over the term "caravel" — but a hopelessly miscast and bumbling Alastair Cooke (the translators' fault, that); and a send-up of the New Critics (active in the 1950s) which posits a 19th-century Scott-like Italian novel, *The Betrothed*, as Joyce's last work, and treats it accordingly:

"Nor must we forget that Mr Joyce, who lived for such a long time in Trieste, could not be ignorant of the sexual significance of the root *mona*, which we encounter once more, note, both in *monaca* (nun), with whom Lucia deals, and in *monatti* (the removers of corpses from the hospital, surrounding Lucia, when Renzo finds her there)."

This last piece is typical of the whole: not only has the kind of symbolic criticism satirised here long been remaindered, but the Italian novel in question will be unknown to most English-speaking readers. In his preface to *Misreadings*, Eco refers rather defensively to the short shelf-life of magazine satire but concludes: "Today I realise that many recent exercises in 'deconstructive reading' read as if inspired by my parody." Sadly, despite the updated and ironically modish title of his book, they don't. They read like countless exercises in academic pedantry perpetrated since the year dot, and most memorably mocked by Shakespeare in the person of Holofernes in *Love's Labour's Lost*.

The fact is, this book is not quite sure whether it is a piece of amber-preserved Eco memorabilia (the leavenings of his pencil-sharpener must be worth something, I suppose), or an English version of its vibrant 1960s *Il Verri* self. The translator hasn't a clue: one moment he refers creakingly but probably faithfully to an "Aldermaston mystique"; the next he chucks in, like a live dog to barracudas, the term "political correctness".

Parody, winging its way on all sorts of assumptions and presumptions, is wholly dependent on razor-sharp accuracy. In *Misreadings*, the rapier has been lost somewhere between then and now, and probably in mid-Atlantic. Nevertheless, for diehard Eco freaks, there are some moments when the humble young semiotician glints with the presage of things to come. In the best and most relevant piece, on a vacuous television presenter, these moments are reasonably thick on the ground: "Mike Bongiorno has no sense of humour. He laughs because he is happy with reality, not because he is capable of distorting reality." This piece is not so much a parody as a serious phenomenological exercise, but it is the funniest thing in the book.

Adam Thorpe's first novel, Ulverton, *is published by Minerva in paperback.*

England fails the cricket test

Nigel Williamson

BETRAYAL
The Struggle for Cricket's Soul
By Graeme Wright
Witherby, £16.99

Two scenes from this island's sporting life. At the Oval (or the Fosters Oval as it is now to be known in these sponsor-saturated days) last month we saw Waqar Younis of Surrey and Pakistan, clothed in royal blue, bowling with a white ball and a black sightscreen at Graham Gooch of Essex and England, garbed from top to toe in a garish yellow.

The following Sunday I stood at the crease on the field at New Ash Green, a delightful spot in rural Kent, playing the village game as it has been played up and down the green and pleasant for centuries. We all wore cream flannels, there was not a helmet in sight, there were no accusations of ball tampering and we ate cucumber sandwiches for tea.

Despite the huge difference in quality, there are many who would claim that cricket's true spirit was more readily to be found on my village green than the lager-sponsored, rainbow-coloured version of the game on display at the Oval. I suspect that Graeme Wright would be among them. The theme of Wright's book is that cricket is going to the dogs. But then, as a leader in *The Times* remarked at the start of this season, traditionalists have always believed that. Sir Pelham Warner must have surely expressed similar sentiments to Douglas Jardine at the height of the Bodyline series over half a century ago.

Wright, a former editor of the cricketers' bible, *Wisden*, who resigned the post in 1992 because he was disillusioned with the way the game was going, constructs a compelling argument. Cricket, he believes, has now struck a nadir which threatens the game's very future. Whether he is the cricketing equivalent of a reactionary and petulant bishop opposing women priests or a brave and lone voice upholding the true faith will be debated long and hard in pavilion bars this summer.

So what is it that so many believe has brought the once glorious game so low? Over-professionalism, which leads to an excessive emphasis on winning (or, at least, not losing); sponsorship (ditto); grasping administrators who have allowed the marketing men to dictate and, as a direct result, too much one-day cricket and instant gimmickry. Wright charts with feeling and erudition all these phenomena, and others, which have changed the face of the first class game over 20 years.

He favours the approach of a Denis Compton — whom people watched "not because he played for their county but because they knew he would entertain them" — rather than that of a Geoffrey Boycott ("so self-centred he drove his colleagues, his critics, even his friends to distraction"). In more recent times, it is the contrast in attitudes personified by Graham Gooch and David Gower. It is for that reason that the uprising by MCC members over Gower's omission from the England touring party last winter was so much more than a row about one individual. The real issue was nothing less than "the soul of English cricket," says Wright.

As a background to this summer's Ashes series, the book is a fascinating and readable polemic. But as with most polemic, Wright is in danger of overstating his case. There can seldom have been a better pair of fast bowlers than Wasim and Waqar, who (according to Jack Bannister in this year's *Wisden*) have "perfected the first genuine fast bowling innovation since overarm bowling was legalised". Brian Lara is the most exciting batsman to come out of the Caribbean in years. The Australian tourists boast three 21-year-olds of exciting promise in Hayden, Slater and Martyn. We face the joyous prospect for the first time in many years of a series with legspinners on both sides.

True, there are no English names in that shortlist. Our cricket is going through one of its cyclical crises. Whether this is terminal depends not upon whether Graham Gooch is forced to dress in yellow, but far more upon what is happening on our school playing fields. Wright does not even touch upon this urgent matter.

Unless cricket is to go the way of English tennis, something has to be done to stop the decline of the game at the junior level. Yet so long as cricket continues to be played in the traditional fashion on such fields as New Ash Green, I remain far more optimistic than the gloomy Wright.

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What England is up against: Haynes, of the West Indies, at the Oval in the fifth Test, 1984. From *Desmond Haynes: Lion of Barbados* by Rob Steen (Gollancz, 16.99)

Unconsidered trifles of India

Praveen Moman

DAUGHTERS OF THE HOUSE
By Indrani Aikath-Gyaltsen
Phoenix House, £13.99

THE OPIUM EATER
And Other Stories
By Iqbal Ahmed
Cormorant, £7.99 pbk original

These two Indian-born writers have quite different approaches. The novel, by an American-educated Indian woman living in Darjeeling, wants very much to be a woman's story. The short stories, by a cosmopolitan professor of English literature from Canada, look at different scenes from subcontinental life, without necessarily seeking to make a statement.

Indrani Aikath-Gyaltsen's first novel is about a teenage girl, Chachanda, who lives in the cocoon of her deceased grandfather's country house outside Calcutta. Together with her aunt, a younger sister and the all powerful servant Parvati, a Roman Catholic, they live in gentle decline in "a happy self-sufficient matriarchy". Her male-free universe is threatened when her aunt and surrogate mother unexpectedly marries.

The strength of the novel — which in many ways is quite un-Indian in its mood — is its Ibsen-like intensity, the strong characters caught up in the maelstrom of this brooding household. The language is uneven. Sometimes it has a directness and charm; occasionally it is over-literary and does not ring true.

The more puzzling aspect of the novel is its determination to transform a good story into a statement about "inconstant men and proud resolute women". This immediately puts a male reader on guard, conscious though he might be of his inadequacies. Early on, Chachanda declares that men are "tyrants with penises... of about as much use as the tomcat, the buck rabbit, the rooster who laid no eggs, the bull who gave no milk. Episodic characters, all of them. Rather useless and rather disgusting." With this grand condemnation, you are prepared for the male characters to indulge in the worst possible excesses. In reality they don't live up to these gruesome expectations; they are not without faults, but, despite the author's apparent intentions, difficult to hate.

Iqbal Ahmed's 14 short stories look at unexpected aspects of Indian and Pakistani life with gentle charm. Although too short to build up complex plots, they sketch different vignettes, whether comical, sad or farfetched, with a good eye. Some look at modern existential problems while the others are based on subcontinental traditions, fables and superstition.

"The Opium Eater" is about the decline of Sanki, an opium eating poet living with his parrot, grappling with the mundane realities of life while thinking great thoughts. "Has it occurred to you that the evening is a terrible time for a lonely and sensitive man?" he asks. He also postulates that Shakespeare cannot have been an Englishman and must have been a Persian on the grounds "that poetry cannot be written in a country where people love beer and have no sun". "The Kumbh Fair", in contrast, is a sad tale of a girl on a religious pilgrimage who is forced into prostitution but cannot leave when given the chance.

THIS WEEK'S OFFERS

THE TIMES THEATRE CLUB

● LONDON

Lysistrata
Old Vic
June 14, 15
The play by Aristophanes may be 2,500 years old, but its mockery of machismo and male stupidity makes it up to date. On June 14, members can hear Sir Peter Hall talk about his production. Tickets are £18 for best stalls seats plus the post-show talk. Alternatively you can attend the press night on June 15 for just £12. Tel: 071-413 1412.

An Ideal Husband
Globe Theatre
June 7-11
Sir Peter Hall's production of Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* ends its run this week. Members are offered two £20 tickets for the price of one for Monday to Friday evenings and Saturday matinee. Tel: 071-413 1412.

The Gift of the Gorgon
Wyndham's
July 5, 12
Judi Dench and Michael Pennington give fine performances in Sir Peter Hall's production of Peter Shaffer's play. We have arranged a combined theatre and dinner ticket with GHQ Club for just £30 which includes a top price ticket (normally £20) and a three-course meal with a glass of wine. To book call 071-636 7612 during office hours.

The Woman in Black
Fortune Theatre
June 23
A new cast takes over in Susan Hill's chilling tale of a creepily haunted house. Members are invited to meet the cast for a glass of wine after the performance on June 23. Tickets are £15. Tel: 071-413 1412.

● BRIGHTON

Happy Families
Theatre Royal
June 14, 15
Enjoy John Godber's comedy of family life, from 11+ failure to MA graduation. Members are offered two tickets for the price of one. Tel: 0273 328488.

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New Age, old anxiety

FICTION

First up this week is F. Paul Wilson's *Sister Night* (New English Library, £15.99), a racy, fast-paced thriller with a sharp paranormal twist. Wilson pays due homage to *The Three Faces of Eve* and *Sybil* as he begins his journey into the half-lit world of a woman apparently suffering from multiple personalities. But the psychiatrist she becomes involved with seems both too icily professional and too well-informed about the recent (and shocking) death of her twin sister. The book quickly moves into the realm of mind control and kinky psychic voyeurism, holding the interest firmly — as a result, I suspect, of everyone's latent paranoia about mental coercion. It is an idea that has not been adequately explored since Lois Duncan's teenage fiction *Stranger with my Face*, and still proves an engrossing basis for a plot. The delivery is light, but more than compensated for by a cracking story and an abundance of tension.

Raven, by Charles L. Grant (New English Library, £14.99) has all the elements of a moody, atmospheric chiller — nine characters trapped in an out-of-the-way roadside bar while a faceless man in black prowls the night outside. Grant concentrates his attention on the growing tension between the victims, aiming to capture the nerve-shredding frustration of cabin fever with the aid of an edgy and innovative style which accentuates the isolation of the setting. Perhaps the weak point is with Grant's characters: all the standards are there, from sexy barmaid right down to simpleton chef with a penchant for accurately discerning the otherwise inscrutable intentions of the man in black, but they are all a little thin to sustain a static novel. There is a good sense of inevitability, though, and some fine descriptive writing. While the end comes as no surprise, there is at least the satisfaction of seeing things turn out as they should.

In *Gideon* (New English Library, £15.99), Steven Laws goes on to consolidate the enviable reputation earned him by *Darkfall*. Here, he updates the vampire story, weaving a compelling tale that is all the more effective for ditching the standard stakes-and-garlic trappings. Substituted is the vampire as cool, ruthless exual parasite, living on the waning lives of the women it seduces. Smoothly handled and tautly plotted, this revision of the succubus myth makes an assured, engaging story and lays to rest the clichés that have dogged the vampire novel since Stoker. Further, Laws manages his female characters with a restrained sympathy often lacking in the genre. The horror, when it comes, is all the more effective for his intelligent reliance on understatement — James Herbert fans will find *Gideon* short on gruesome visceral bits, but that is its strength. This is mainstream horror writing done very well.

Last and best is Phil Rickman's *Crybbe* (Macmillan, £15.99), weighing in at a hefty 664 pages and gripping the attention throughout. Rickman, like King, has realised that the secret of a good horror novel lies in its characterisation, to which the story is largely secondary. So it is that much of the novel is spent in establishing, with shrewd perception and satisfying detail, both the inhabitants of the little Welsh border town of Crybbe, and the atmosphere of the place itself.

Invaded by Max Goff, a pretentious New Age millionaire with aspirations to godhead and a plan to re-establish the town's spiritual focus, Crybbe responds with understandable scepticism. But the surface wariness belies a deeper concern: for all his tiresome ostentation, Goff has money, influence and a self-imposed mission, and is intent on meddling with things which he clearly does not understand. The flavour of Crybbe — run down, seedy, dwindling — is expertly handled, and the brooding threat of the forgotten leylines, the torn-up monoliths and the central tumulus seeps through with just the right degree of muted potential. The central characters are eminently believable: compassionate, flawed, drawn with affection: even Goff and his entourage of mystics, complete with pendulums, hazel forks and Mother Earth necklaces, seem initially benign.

Rickman's central premise is that the slumbering beliefs of Britain's twilight past are meant to be left to fade in peace, rather than be trampled on by credulous hippies who take them for a romanticised reflection of their true selves. Furthermore, by relying on indigenous folklore rather than importing another culture's, he ensures that the mystery and awe that pervade *Crybbe* are instantly familiar to any who have stood beside a hanging stone or seen a burial mound. A powerful book and a thoroughly good horror story: classic stuff.

GUY BURT

Guy Burt's After the Hole *is published by Black Swan.*

PAPERBACKS

TIME AND TIDE
By Edna O'Brien
Penguin, £5.99
A YOUNG single mother in London struggles to bring up her two sons decently on a small income. But everything conspires against her, not least Nell's own morbidly sensitive nature and ability to get into scrapes. Set on the fringes of Bohemian London, this is an honest tale of a mother's love and an unflinching look at the madness that lurks beneath her maternal breast. Stunningly well-written and funny by turns, but not for the faint-hearted.

ROTTEN TIMES
By Paul Micou
Black Swan, £5.99
WITH the Gulf war and the recession casting a dampener on his trade in aphrodisiacs, hitherto nonchalant and securely repressed young English businessman Lloyd James suddenly falls apart, alarming his friends, when an accidental electric shock opens up his intellectual and emotional memory bank. Smashing dialogue and shades of Amis *père et fils*, as Micou laughs at Englishmen at home and Americans abroad.

THE STORK CLUB
By Maureen Freely
Bloomsbury, £5.99
IN this marital romp among a group of up-and-coming young Californian couples, Mike's decision to take over from his wife Laura as their children's primary caretaker (in the words of their private school brochure) gives him entry to the hitherto mysterious world of working wives. Freely's hilarious hatchet job on West Coast coupledom also has serious points to make about relations between the sexes.

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1,994.10	Aus New Z	163†	-1	...	5.5	...
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909.60	Bk of Ireland	241†	+5	...	5.6	∞
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1,593.60	Bank Scotland	137½	-1½	4.5	4.2	27.4
7,376.00	Barclays	457	-1	15.1	4.1	∞
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5.03	Carlisle	16½	+1			
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5,059.20	HSBC	620	-10	19.0	3.8	14.8
10,281.50	HSBC HK	626	-11	19.0	3.9	14.5
593.70	Hambros	341	-1	13.8	5.1	15.1
18.80	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
21.20	King Shaxson	134†	...	9.0	8.4	...
542.30	Kleinwort Ben	414	-5	16.0	4.8	14.4
6,999.70	Lloyds	549	+15	18.4	4.2	15.7
49.60	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	10.5
5,413.90	Nat Aust Bk	420	-23	...	4.9	14.3
7,677.20	Nat West	465	+1	17.5	4.7	28.2
465.20	Provident	349	+8	11.4	4.1	15.1
16.50	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
2,255.80	Ryl Bk Scot	257	+1	8.8	3.8	...
954.80	Schroders	950	...	...	1.4	18.9
1,774.10	Stand Chart	745	+13	20.0	3.4	...
2,793.10	TSB	184	+1½	6.4	4.3	...
25.80	Union Disc	136	+2			
1,577.30	Warburg SG	735	+1	...	3.3	18.2
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3,815.90	Wells Fargo	6887½	-25	...	1.5	...
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298.20	Boddington	260	-2	7.3	3.5	15.2
201.60	Bulmer (HP)	384	...	9.0	2.9	17.7
30.00	Burtonwd Brw	144	-2	4.4	3.9	10.5
150.60	Devenish (JA)	280	-4	7.8	3.5	15.8
17.90	Eldridge P 'A'▲	92	+2	...	4.4	24.3
1,669.70	Fosters Brewing	52½	-1½	...	5.2	7.3
78.80	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	390	...	...	2.2	16.4
8,290.70	Grand Met	401	+9	12.3	3.9	13.1
664.50	Greenalls Grp	383†	+1	11.7	3.8	12.7
230.50	Greene King	546	-10	11.6	2.7	14.2
9,574.00	Guinness	468	+2	...	3.2	16.7
60.00	Hardy Hansn	240	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
2.67	Heavitree▲	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
4.06	-do- 'A' LV▲	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
361.30	Highland Distl	289	-6	6.0	2.6	19.2
86.90	Holt J	2960	-13	41.0	1.7	19.3
3.23	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
353.20	Invrgordn Dist	277	-5	7.0	3.2	∞
196.50	Macallan-Glen	169	-1	0.9	0.7	37.9
52.80	Marstn Marm 'A'	388	...	8.8	2.9	∞
122.40	Mansfield	775	...	13.6	2.2	16.6
209.30	Mrstn Thmp	231	-2	4.9	2.7	13.5
39.70	Matthew Clark	405	-6	15.7	4.9	12.1
31.50	Mrrydwn W	260	+5	...	3.0	16.9
109.80	Morland	519	+3	8.4	2.0	20.5
4.52	Paramount▲	9	...	...	2.1	16.0
4,495.50	S4 Breweries	845†	+21½	...	3.2	∞
1,852.40	Scot & New	440	-7	16.1	4.6	12.0
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338.41	Attwoods	120	+6	5.0	5.3	17.1
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193.80	Bellway	398	+1	...	3.8	23.1
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301.60	Berkeley Gp	393	+5	...	1.9	27.1
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15.30	Bickleys	60	-1	1.0	2.1	86.3
1,739.50	Blue Circle	248	-3	...	4.6	...
73.30	Boot (Henry)	282	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
26.70	Bradon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
31.10	Br Dredging	114	...	5.2	5.7	25.3
16.90	Brit Fittings	71	...	1.5	2.6	...
368.90	Bryant	134½	-2½	4.8	4.5	28.8
28.20	CALA	80	...	2.3		
613.30	CRH	280	+5	...	3.3	17.8
2.04	Cakebread Rby	34				
55.20	Costain	37	+2			
97.70	Countryside	128	...	...	4.1	33.4
49.70	Crest Nicholson	65	...	0.0		
12.30	Cussins	80	-2			
0.72	Dyntoria▲	1½				
10.50	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
48.70	Epwin	247	+17	6.8	3.4	20.9
23.10	Erith	49	-1	0.3	0.9	
33.20	Eve Group▲	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
304.90	Evered Bardon	58	+2	2.0	4.3	27.2
6.95	Explaura▲	4½	-½			
9.05	Freeman Gp▲	132	...	...	4.7	21.0
37.30	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
1.10	Gibbs & Dandy	63				
96.50	Gleeson (MJ)	865	...	12.7	1.8	14.0
213.70	Hewden-Stuart	116½	-5	...	3.5	26.5
4.23	Hewetson	49	...	2.6	...	48.8
203.80	Heywd Wlm	280	...	12.5	5.6	...
39.20	Higgs & Hill	89	+5	2.5	3.5	...
11.50	How Gp	28	+1	1.5	6.7	...
4.52	Howard Hldgs	16	...	0.5	3.5	...
162.20	Ibstock Johnsen	66	+2	1.5	1.9	...
10.20	Jarvis	15	-1½			
117.00	Laing (J)	255	...	9.0	4.4	10.2
6.17	Ln Clydesde▲	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.0
16.20	Lovell (YJ)	19½	+½	...	...	8.9
116.70	Manders	312	+3	9.0	3.6	19.1
372.60	Marley	132	-1	4.2	4.0	38.7
106.50	Marshalls	88	...	...	7.1	29.4
39.90	Maunders (J)	162	+2	4.9	3.8	14.8
115.30	Mcalpine (A)	204	+4	6.5	4.0	35.3
31.30	McCarthy & S	36	...	0.5		
474.10	Meyer Intl	382	+2	...	3.3	41.0
1.21	Mi-kin Gp▲	4 #				
129.40	Mowlem (J)	120	-3	4.0	4.2	...
9.43	NSM	45				
9.11	Needler▲	48	...	...	1.7	23.3
173.80	Newman Tnks	144	-6	...	6.9	19.2
270.70	Persimmon	274	-3	8.6	3.9	28.0
3.32	Phoenix Timber	23	-7			
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
85.30	Prowting	133	-2	3.4	3.2	...
3.26	Quiligotti▲	4½	+¼	...		
1,478.40	RMC Gp	757	+22	...	3.3	29.8
185.90	Raine Ind	99	-2	6.0	7.6	10.5
2.37	Ramus▲	31				
2,318.40	Redland	484	-1	25.0	6.5	28.2
10.80	Roskel	72	+2	4.3	7.5	10.6
830.10	Rugby Group	284	+9	6.4	2.8	21.7
6.58	Scrfld-Rve▲	42				
23.10	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
111.50	Sheffield Insl	171†	+6	...	3.9	42.0
10.50	Sheriff Hldgs▲	100	...	...	2.5	14.9
2.54	Shorco▲	74	+1	...	8.5	16.8
20.20	Smart (J)	300	-5	8.5	5.4	9.0
16.80	Starmin	5†	...	0.3	7.5	∞
981.70	Tarmac	134	+3	5.5	5.1	...
39.20	Tay Homes	179	-3	5.8	4.1	11.4
459.40	Taylor Woodrw	110	+7	1.0	1.1	...
187.60	Tilbury Dougls	555†	+6	30.0	7.4	∞
2.75	Torex Hire▲	27	+3	...	1.9	...
230.10	Travis Perkins	226	+3	8.0	4.4	39.8
16.90	Try Group	39	...	1.0	3.2	11.0
3.06	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.1	...
31.30	Vibroplant	68	+8	3.6	6.6	12.5
28.90	Ward Hldgs	55	-1	...	...	...
0.78	Waterhouse	31	-2			
81.10	Watts Blake	390	-5	10.7	3.4	16.8
2.73	Wescol▲	26				
94.40	Westbury	142	-3	5.0	4.5	...
4.52	West Scaffold▲	9½				
1.43	Wiggins	9 #				
330.00	Wilson Bowdn	451	+9	8.7	2.4	30.9
357.80	Wilson (C)	189	+7	3.9	2.6	32.7
516.30	Wimpey G	179	+10	5.2	3.7	...
5.94	YRM	45	...	4.0	...	5.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
718.40	ADT	608	+48	...	...	∞
9.12	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
5.59	Air London▲	63	...	...	6.9	7.8
3.71	African Lakes	54	+5	2.0	4.6	...
191.80	Auto Sec	169	...	...	3.9	30.3
1,074.30	BET Ord	115	+5½	...	7.1	16.8
22.00	BNB Res	91	-2	4.9	6.7	...
74.80	BPP	290	+1	8.0	3.4	16.0
39.80	Barbour Index	240	+5	7.2	3.8	17.8
16.30	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
58.60	Brit Data Mgt	241	+1	...	2.1	20.1
3.35	Broadcastle▲	21	...	...	...	16.7
8.55	Brooks Service	71				
47.40	CRT Gp	90	+1	2.4	3.3	10.3
82.90	Capita Group	175	...	...	1.3	27.3
33.40	Castel Plc	41½	-½	0.8	2.4	∞
44.90	Chiltern Capital	49½	-1½	...	...	...
9.38	Christie	40	-1			
821.20	Chubb Sec	294	+7	...	1.2	32.5
2.44	Comaca▲	38	-5	...	4.9	9.5
6.39	Corp Services	21½	-1½			
13.40	Dart	38	...	3.3	4.7	10.0
223.30	Davis Service	220	...	...	4.5	16.6
4.94	EW Facia▲	92	...	4.3	5.9	10.5
25.70	Gardiner	24	-1	0.6	3.5	16.6
8.58	Gardner (DC)	36				
870.30	Hays	216	-5	4.6	2.7	21.3
141.20	Hogg Robinsn	204	+22	6.3	3.9	15.3
21.10	Holmes Protectn	48	-3	...	...	3.1
6,079.70	Hutch Whamp	175	-13	...	2.7	∞
515.60	ISS B DKr	£123½	-143½	...	0.9	17.3
2,998.00	Inchcape	581	-2	...	3.0	20.2
163.10	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	∞
101.40	Lep	11	-½			
22.90	Mitie Gp	220	...	2.7	1.6	18.1
749.30	Manpower	1007	+38			
29.70	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
11.70	Penna▲	247	-7	...	1.0	62.6
2.64	Prime People▲	3½				
52.60	Proudfoot Alex	85	+2	12.0	17.6	∞
40.10	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
4.91	REA	105†	...	4.0	4.8	...
50.70	Reed Executive	99	+6			
29.60	Reliance Sec▲	132	+6	...	4.3	13.3
1,761.10	Rentokil	181	-12	2.3	1.6	22.6
15.00	Rolfe & Nolan	266	+5	7.2	3.5	∞
1,023.80	Salvesen (C)	355½	-13½	7.0	2.5	19.7
1.92	Scott Pickford▲	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
61.90	Securiguard	302	+4	9.4	3.9	16.0
12.90	Select Appt▲	6				
110.70	Serco Gp	963	-2	14.0	1.9	26.6
15.10	Sherwd Cmp▲	247	-3	...	3.5	∞
52.20	Sketchley	40†	...	3.0	4.2	∞
76.10	Warner Howrd	321†	+1	6.5	2.5	16.8
13.40	Welpac	30	...	0.6	2.5	...
21.20	Wills Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
564.60	Allied Colloids	215	...	3.9	2.3	17.1
407.70	Amersham	719	+14	12.5	2.2	26.7
32.20	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8		
5,362.30	BASF DM	9375	+190½	...	7.4	...
333.40	BTP	349†	-4	...	4.7	20.3
7,037.20	Bayer DM50	£107	-93½	...	5.3	...
79.10	Blagden	170	-3	9.5	7.0	15.3
66.50	Brent Chems	97	+3	...	9.5	8.9
142.80	Br Bio-Tech	400				
10.00	Caird Gp	17½	-8	1.3	9.5	∞
41.30	Canning (W)	146	-2	7.2	6.2	16.7
2,147.40	Courtaulds	539½	-1½	...	3.3	14.0
357.60	Croda	273	-2	...	3.5	17.8
15.10	Doeflex	140	+5	4.6	4.1	10.7
169.50	Ellis & Everard	206	+1	7.0	4.3	16.8
8.83	Euro Colour	29½	-1	0.8	3.5	17.7
85.80	Halstead (J)	288	-1	...	2.6	14.4
413.90	Hickson	239	-2	...	4.2	22.3
5,839.10	Hoechst	9875	+50	...	3.8	...
190.60	Holliday Chem	223	+3	...	2.1	20.5
4,960.80	ICI	699	+53	...	5.0	...
1,182.10	Laporte	616	-1	19.5	4.0	17.0
127.20	Leigh	201	+17	7.8	4.9	16.4
11.30	MTM	12½	-2½			
3,568.70	Norsk Hydro	1737½	+40½	...	1.7	24.7
109.30	Paterson Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
91.50	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
115.70	Plysu	244	-3	7.0	3.7	∞
33.10	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
18.10	Sutcliffe Speak	10½				
107.20	Wardle Storeys	434	+1	16.0	4.6	17.4
32.30	Wistnlme R	455	+5	17.0	4.7	15.6
177.40	Yorks Chem	390	-1	...	2.5	30.9
250.50	Yule Catto	295	+2	5.9	2.5	18.0

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.40	Alexon	88	-1	3.0	4.3	...
86.10	Amber Day	74†	-7	3.1	5.2	20.3
905.30	Argos Plc	305	-1	...	2.9	26.0
367.80	Ashley (Laura)	114	+4	0.1	0.1	...
227.40	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
6.51	Austin Reed	248	...	5.0	2.5	∞
69.50	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	+5	0.0	5.1	∞
45.30	Bentalls	108	-1	1.9	2.2	...
254.50	Betterware	250	-16	2.0	1.0	∞
10.80	Blacks Leis	34	...	3.3	...	7.0
368.80	Body Shop	197	-13	1.7	1.1	∞
66.60	Brown & Jacksn	15†	-¼	...	0.7	∞
275.90	Brown (N)	378	+3	7.0	2.3	∞
1,141.10	Burton	81½	-1½	...	3.1	...
23.80	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	14.0
38.10	Church	351	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
24.60	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
1,352.00	Coats Viyella	228	-3	...	4.0	35.5
19.60	Colourvision▲	97	+6	...	...	16.4
123.00	Courts Furnish	504	...	5.0	1.2	25.3
2.19	Crown Eyes▲	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
1,751.00	Dairy Farm Intl	106	...	...	1.2	16.9
86.00	Dewhirst (IJ)	69½	-½	1.0	1.8	22.3
925.30	Dixons Grp	210	-4	6.0	3.6	24.7
569.60	Dunhill	335	-49	8.1	3.1	∞
8.60	ERA Gp	15	-1			
5.52	Elys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
11.60	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
156.10	Etam	239†	-1	6.9	3.6	21.9
430.10	Fine Art Dev	541†	+3	12.7	2.9	∞
2.17	Fired Earth Tiles	38				
15.30	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
11.40	French Conn▲	72	+12			
5.40	Gabbicci▲	40	...	2.0	...	9.2
17.70	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
10.10	Goldsmiths Gp	46	-½	0.3	0.8	...
158.50	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
3,934.00	-do- 'A'	1628	-15	40.0	3.1	13.0
4.07	Hampden Grp▲	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
41.40	Hartstone	39½	+5½	4.8	15.4	2.4
27.60	Helene Plc	23	-½	2.0	10.9	10.9
2.43	Heritage▲	55				
4.71	Honeysuckle▲	58	-2	...	2.2	8.2
7.22	Jacques Vert	76	...	2.0		
3,322.60	Kingfisher	586†	+9	...	2.9	19.2
22.90	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
106.20	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
356.10	Lloyds Chem	302	-9	5.5	2.3	11.8
784.90	MFI	135	+6	...	3.5	18.0
9,291.10	Marks Spencer	337†	+4½	...	3.0	18.7
276.30	Menzies (John)	497	-1	10.0	2.5	16.5
29.70	Moss Bros	178	+3	5.5	3.9	∞
608.80	Next	165†	-1	2.5	1.9	∞
9.86	Oliver (G)	39	-1			
110.70	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
76.50	Pentos	53†	-1	1.5	3.5	11.0
111.60	QS Hldgs	284†	+4	5.1	2.3	20.2
98.20	Ratners Group	33½	-½	2.4	9.0	...
15.60	Rhino Grp▲	30½	-1½			
26.10	Rosebys	139	+1	...	3.9	16.7
187.90	Sherwood Gp	169	...	...	1.9	15.2
1,476.90	Sears	98	-1	3.5	4.5	∞
1,174.50	Smith WH 'A'	431	+3	13.4	3.9	15.2
1.77	Specialeyes▲	11	-1			
839.10	Storehouse	204	-3	...	3.1	26.1
104.80	T & S Stores	164	-1	5.9	4.5	12.2
66.60	Tie Rack	120	-3	...	1.0	21.0
111.70	Time Products	212	...	7.5	4.5	∞
6.43	Usher (Frank)▲	92	...	...	0.8	7.3
19.30	Vivat	35	-1	1.0	3.6	10.9
2.69	Wensum▲	36	...	...	6.3	...
355.70	Wickes	116	-3	...	...	51.5
5.77	Wild of Leather▲	71	+10			
55.90	Wyevale▲	182	-8	...	2.7	∞
5.40	Xtra-vision▲	3½	-½	...	...	∞

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
210.10	ACT Group	149	-4	4.5	3.8	14.7
34.40	Acal▲	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
63.70	Acorn Comp▲	96	-4	...	...	48.7
47.40	Admiral	439	+3	5.4	1.5	18.6
59.30	Alba	128	...	4.7	4.6	16.8
11.90	Alphameric	44	+7			
200.50	Amstrad	34½	+3½	0.4	...	...
16.60	App Holo▲	80	+2			
6.02	Arlen	20				
181.60	Astec	59	+3	...	...	0.9
37.00	Beales Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	14.5
5.83	Bennett & Fountn	9½				
1,299.40	BICC	388	-5	19.2	6.2	26.3
120.00	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
450.90	Borland▲	1598	-62			
520.50	Bowthorpe	316	+3	6.3	2.5	∞
25,177.00	BT	407	-15	...	4.9	20.1
2.73	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	...	0.1	1.2	...
48.70	Burnfield	142	-3	5.7	5.1	22.5
7,938.70	Cable Wireless	731	-2	13.2	2.3	22.6
41.70	Chloride	17½	+¼			
43.90	CML Micro▲	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
16.00	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
314.00	Cray Elect	155	-2	...	0.4	12.7
39.00	Critchley	338	+2	...	2.3	24.0
13.20	Dale	97	-2	5.1	6.6	9.4
782.90	Delta	329	-1	...	3.3	21.8
12.90	Denmans Ele▲	297	+10	...	2.6	12.7
123.60	Domino	483	-12	7.2	1.9	16.5
83.50	Dowding Mills	57	-2	2.5	5.5	19.7
66.40	Druck▲	1038				
803.30	Electrocomponts	384	-2	7.0	2.3	20.8
48.30	El Data Prc	335	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
30.60	Electron House	80	...	2.3	3.7	24.4
27.60	Emess	26	-2	0.1	0.5	...
251.30	Eurotherm	596	+6	8.0	1.7	26.7
591.50	FKI	131½	-1½	2.3	2.2	25.5
309.60	Farnell Elect	382	+1	6.2	2.0	∞
4.06	Feedback▲	48				
131.60	Ferranti	14	-¼			
29.10	First Tech	198	+4			
16.30	Forward Gp▲	224	...	...	1.9	∞
5.44	Forward Tech	16				
3,753.70	GEC	321	+3½	9.6	3.7	17.0
99.40	Graseby	157	+4	10.9	8.7	∞
7.65	Graystone	8	-1½			
1.46	Hiclearn▲	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
6.52	INSTEM▲	145	+10	...	2.7	10.4
64.80	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
1.85	Kenburgy	13½	...	0.3	3.5	5.2
113.00	Kenwood App	308	-3	...	3.0	16.3
19.50	Kewill Sys▲	163	-10	...	...	8.2
19.10	Kode	206	+4	5.5	3.3	24.4
7.41	Laser-Scan▲	46	-2			
55.60	LBMS▲	310	+10			
16.50	Lec Refrig	272	+4	9.0	4.1	...
346.20	Life Sciences	154	-5	3.5	2.9	16.7
142.10	Logica	231	-1	3.6	2.0	27.3
3.76	LPA Ind▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
98.60	MR Data Mngmt	180	...	4.3	3.0	17.2
150.60	Macro 4	668	+15	...	2.4	22.4
96.40	Memvier-Swa	595	...	...	1.9	19.5
300.70	Micro Focus	2228	-52	...	...	20.5
74.10	Microgen	188	...	7.2	4.8	12.8
15.70	Microvitec▲	34	-1			
193.00	Misys	498	-9	6.1	1.5	22.7
159.60	Mitel	202	+2			
12.60	MMT Comp▲	119†	...	...	3.7	15.1
4.55	Molyns	24	-1½	...	6.8	2.5
38.40	MTL Inst▲	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
20.00	Muirhead Elect	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
10.80	Murray Enter	155	+3	1.8	1.5	72.1
11,566.60	NYNEX	5600	+287½			
40.60	Neuronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
3.02	Newmark (L)	65				
7.48	Norbain▲	108	-3	...	1.2	16.2
12.10	Northamber	68	+8	0.5	0.9	
15.20	Oceonics	11	-½	...	...	7.1
118.80	Oxford Inst	246	...	4.3	2.2	16.6
15.80	P-E Intern'l	72	-2	1.0	1.7	...
38.30	P & P	69	-1	1.4	2.5	36.6
74.70	Peek	65	-1	3.4	6.5	17.0
10.20	Persona▲	158†	...	...	5.0	40.5
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
3,026.50	-do- Lrnp nv	987½	+12½			
21.30	Pifco	460	+8	7.2	2.1	39.0
15.20	-do- 'A' Voting	440	+8	7.7	2.2	37.5
3.35	Plasmec▲	72†	...	...	6.5	6.1
25.00	Pressac	98	...	2.4	3.1	19.8
26.40	Psion▲	120	-2	...	2.6	31.9
992.10	Racal Elect	212	+13	1.8	0.9	25.1
10.70	Radamec	58	+5	1.0	3.2	∞
16.10	Radius▲	50	+1	...	5.7	20.4
5.39	Real Time▲	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
8.32	Riva▲	32	+1			
109.70	Sage Gp	535	-27	9.0	2.1	17.1
24.30	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
53.10	Scholes Grp	140	+15	5.0	4.5	37.5
275.70	Sema Gp	303†	+1	2.8	1.2	24.6
10.50	Silvermines	32	...	...	9.0	...
4.30	Soundtracks▲	43	...	...	6.4	14.5
3,221.70	TDK	3450	+232½	...	1.2	∞
1.26	TDS Circuits▲	14	-2			
128.20	Telemetrix	144	-6	0.8	0.7	∞
1,533.80	THORN EMI	864	-10	...	4.8	17.5
13.40	Thorpe FW	104	+1	2.5	3.0	10.7
7.02	Total Systems▲	70	-12	2.2	4.0	12.5
69.10	Tunstall	432	-3	6.0	1.7	17.2
162.60	Unitech	238	-1	5.8	3.1	41.6
8.57	Verity▲	8½				
40.10	Vistec▲	33	-½	...	1.1	28.1
4,572.30	Vodafone	454½	+25½	...	1.6	22.3
101.90	Volex	386	-8	...	5.5	19.6
3.31	Western Selectn	22	+3			
36.10	Wholesale Fitgs	254	+1	11.7	5.8	34.2

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
973.00	East Midlands	447	-8	17.1	4.8	8.6
1,244.70	Eastern Elec	461	-7	16.7	4.5	11.4
1,267.30	Hydro-Elect	331	-9	10.1	3.8	11.7
990.20	London Elect	454	-10	16.8	4.6	8.7
608.30	Manweb	512	-5	18.2	4.5	7.4
966.80	Midlands Elec	461½	-3½	17.2	4.7	9.7
619.20	Northern Elec	503	-1	18.5	4.6	7.5
858.30	Norweb	497	-4	17.7	4.5	9.4
2,542.80	Scottish Power	312	-9	...	4.6	11.3
640.80	Seeboard	503	+3	17.2	4.3	9.1
550.70	Sth Wales	542	+7	19.4	4.5	8.6
579.60	Sth Western	471	-13	17.4	4.6	8.5
1,255.50	Southern Elec	465	-2	16.6	4.5	9.2
1,048.90	Yorkshire Elec	506	-5	17.7	4.4	9.4
4,369.40	National Powr	344	-8	...	3.9	10.4
2,783.60	PowerGen	355½	-7	...	3.7	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
30.90	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
14.40	BWD▲	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
30.20	Baltic Plc	85	...	...	1.5	...
346.90	Caledonia	418	-2	14.4	4.3	16.0
34.40	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
58.90	Cendover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
31.50	Flextech▲	93	-6	...	0.7	∞
20.00	Goveti	281	-1	...	5.4	8.8
43.50	Ivory Sime	150	+1	...	5.3	15.7
2.16	LIT	3½	+¼			
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
200.00	Lon Forfaiting▲	300	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
11.60	Manakin	57				
10.30	Nat Home Loan	10				
17.50	Newmarket	49				
54.20	Rathbone Brs	275	+2	6.0	2.7	16.7
58.70	Rutland Tst	23	+1	...	4.3	13.7
27.20	S & U	254†	-9	10.0	4.9	∞
123.10	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	∞
192.80	Sothebys	903	+25	...	3.9	...
306.70	SIP Capital	113	+6	3.0	3.4	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,903.10	Amer Express	1862½	+9½	...	...	...
397.90	Electra	230	+5	6.7	3.6	31.4
194.70	Henderson Ad	910	-3	41.0	5.6	20.0
295.70	Invesco MIM	118	+6	3.0	3.2	∞
2,040.60	Jardine Strat	216	-6	...	3.3	10.6
601.90	MAI	186	+5	6.0	4.0	13.5
983.50	MAM	523	+2	15.0	3.7	12.8
584.40	M & G	772†	-7	...	3.5	20.5
67.90	Smith New Crt	224	+2	4.5	2.5	8.9
43.40	Trio Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,101.30	AB Food	468	-1	14.0	3.8	10.5
1,985.40	ASDA Group	68½	-1½	...	2.9	22.1
70.30	Acatos & Hutch	213	-3	6.5	3.9	12.1
362.30	Albert Fisher	60	-2	3.7	7.8	10.0
3,819.20	Argyll	341	-2½	...	4.1	12.4
21.10	Ashley Group	15	-1½	...	4.7	...
23.20	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	∞
17.50	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
69.90	Barr (AG)	370	...	6.5	2.2	18.7
11.30	Bensons Crsp▲	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
134.10	Berisford Intl	135	-5			
790.10	Booker	372	+1	...	7.3	38.3
28.90	Borthwick	50	+1	1.2	3.0	∞
249.50	Brake Bros	494	+5	6.2	1.6	20.6
66.60	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.9
3,310.80	Cadbury-Schw	445	+4	...	3.7	16.5
7.08	Carrs Milling	104	+5	3.9	4.7	20.6
30.60	Cranswick▲	191	...	...	4.9	14.1
3.92	Cullens	15	-2½	0.5	4.2	8.0
24.00	Dalepak	207	+2	6.0	3.6	9.3
965.90	Dalgety	424	-5	19.5	5.7	12.3
4.49	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
32.40	Everest	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
65.50	Farepak▲	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
1.81	Farringford	7½				
75.80	Finlay (James)	76	-2	4.1	7.0	∞
279.90	Fyffes	100	-5	...	1.6	16.6
260.30	Geest	363	-10	8.1	2.8	16.5
12.70	Global▲	10½	-½	...	6.0	16.3
17.00	Grand Central	45	...	1.1	3.3	...
421.00	Hazlewood Fds	182	+2	6.1	4.2	11.0
1,014.50	Hillsdown	148	-1	...	7.4	11.6
656.40	Iceland Frozen	719	+7	10.0	1.7	21.6
49.80	JLI Group	120	...	4.5	4.7	17.3
1,171.90	Kwik Save	761	-11	16.0	2.6	14.6
104.10	Low (Wm)	395	+1	8.4	5.4	9.4
72.00	Matthews (B)	58	+2	2.2	4.8	38.0
15.40	Merchant Retail	17	-2	1.1	8.5	∞
1,099.50	Morrison (W)	156	-3	...	0.6	20.2
84.20	Nichols (JN)	533	+5	13.0	3.2	15.4
1,401.40	Nthn Foods	245	-12	...	4.0	13.5
6.15	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	17	+4	...	...	7.1
261.20	Nurdin Peack	307†	...	6.1	2.7	∞
125.00	Park Foods	239	+2	3.2	1.7	28.6
133.30	Perkins Food	109	-1	4.4	5.0	...
44.40	PizzaExpress	84	+2	...	0.7	48.3
7.57	Regina Hlth▲	5½				
8,608.80	Sainsbury J	485†	+1	10.0	2.6	∞
2.62	Senior Farms▲	61	+3	...	3.1	10.9
53.20	Sims Food	179	+6	11.2	7.9	9.7
1,296.00	Tate & Lyle	382	-13	12.0	4.1	11.4
4,244.50	Tesco	217	-5	...	4.1	10.1
87.90	Thorntons	138	-2	3.6	3.3	12.8
16.30	Treats▲	171	-4	...	2.6	19.5
774.50	Unigate	331	-6	15.3	5.8	11.8
2,003.10	Utd Biscuits	383	-16	...	5.0	19.8
14.50	Usborne	22	-1	0.4	2.3	13.5
119.90	Watson & Phil	309	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

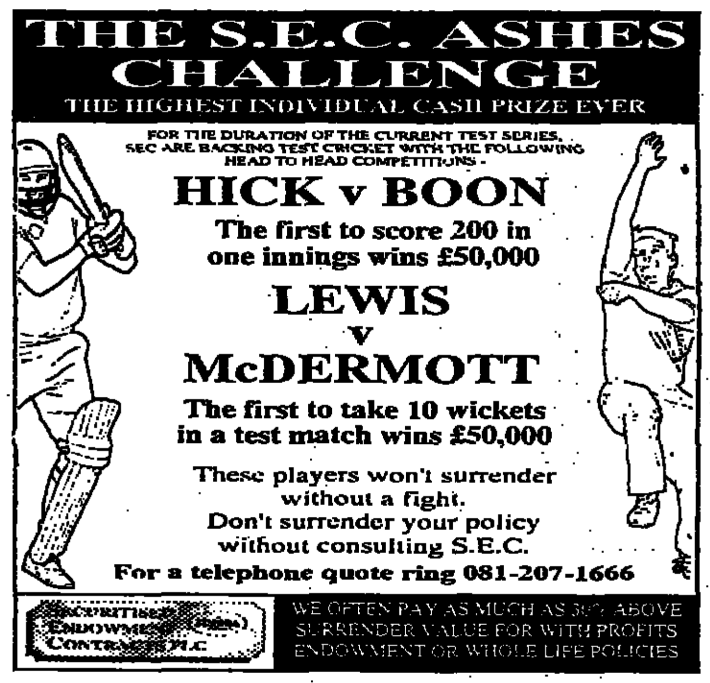
Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.92	Abrdn Stk H▲	16				
162.20	City Centre Rest	85	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
1,697.40	Forte	207	+13	...	4.5	16.2
20.60	Friendly Hotels	171†	+2	5.7	4.0	∞
4.82	Harmony Leis▲	2½	+¼			
28.00	Jurys Hotel	106	-1	...	5.8	12.5
2,021.80	Ladbroke	186	+8	11.3	7.5	15.9
459.70	Mandarin Ornt	87	-5	...	4.7	18.0
439.00	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
160.50	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2.12	Regal Hotels▲	1½				
52.00	Resort Hotels	47	+½	3.6	9.2	9.2
11.60	Ryan Hotels E	17½	-½	...	6.3	∞
224.50	Savoy Hotel 'A'	785	+10	7.0	1.1	...
185.30	Stakis	51	-1	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45.80	AAF Inds	199	...	...	5.5	12.2
423.90	AAH	497	+10	16.3	4.1	15.5
19.80	AIM	142	...	6.5	5.7	8.8
293.80	APV	100	+2	...	6.9	...
146.50	ASW	219	+4	...	3.4	...
107.70	Adwest	166	+2	7.0	5.3	23.6
10.30	Aerospace Eng	27	-½	1.0	...	16.4
59.80	Airsprung	507	+12	7.5	1.8	14.1
49.20	Alenda W	146	+1	3.8	3.3	40.3
3.69	Allied Radio	7½				
79.40	Alumasc	540	+1	11.0	2.5	16.5
18.70	Alvis	34	+1	1.0	3.7	7.0
15.10	Amber Ind	385	-20	17.0	5.5	10.3
1.98	Amberley Gp▲	33	...	...	3.4	...
11.10	Andrews Sykes	120	-6	4.4	4.6	68.5
222.90	Antofagasta	748	-30	...	2.7	13.8
10.80	Armour	42	...	1.4	4.4	12.3
40.70	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.3	5.1	16.0
8.54	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
126.60	Avon Rubber	487	-3	...	4.2	19.4
23.00	Assoc Nursg▲	210	...	...	...	8.0
68.30	Atlas Equip	657	...	...	4.2	16.5
4.50	Ayrshire Metal	45				
626.50	BBA	155	+1	...	6.0	13.2
3.65	BLP Group▲	55				
21.10	BM Gp	19	-2	5.0	...	0.8
3,144.90	BOC	662†	+4	23.2	4.4	14.5
172.40	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	23.1
125.00	BSS Group	486	...	...	4.4	19.4
12,164.20	BTR	601	...	...	3.7	20.6
90.20	BWI	189	-3	9.7	4.4	18.2
155.50	Babcock	54½	+2	...	7.9	∞
3.44	Bailey (CH)	6½				
292.50	Baird (Wm)	260	-3	9.9	4.3	18.0
1,274.60	Barlow Rand	680	+6½	...	5.4	3.6
51.40	Baynes (Charles)	99	...	...	3.0	24.2
5.31	Beaufort	6½	-3			
7.06	Beckenham▲	8	-½			
1.43	Bedford Wh▲	30				
22.90	Benson Group	17½	-½	0.1	0.7	16.2
138.60	Bespak	520	+15	0.0	2.1	16.5
137.60	Bibby (J)	85†	-4	9.7	...	5.2
3.90	Billam (J)	24½	...	5.0	2.6	13.2
3.03	Bilston Batrsea▲	36				
9.10	Pimec Ind	8½	...	0.6		
21.00	Birkby	154	...	...	0.8	...
10.90	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
95.60	Black (Peter)	175	-2	2.4	2.1	18.0
20.80	Bluebird Toys▲	268	+5	...	2.1	16.7
166.20	Bodycote	570†	+1	10.0	2.2	18.5
4,515.30	Boots	435	-3	...	3.9	16.1
2.32	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
2,405.30	Bowater	483	...	11.5	3.0	19.1
528.70	Bowater Inc	3459†	+74	...		
54.20	Bowmore Intl▲	244	...	...	1.9	18.3
13.30	Boxway	17	...	0.5	4.3	22.0
106.50	Brammer	250	-1	13.0	6.5	22.6
4.84	Bridgend Gp	10½	...	1.2	...	7.4
61.20	Bridon	108†	+7	4.0	4.6	∞
7.01	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
1,127.80	Brierley Inv	40	+3	...	7.9	9.8
29.10	Br Bldg & Eng	260	...	...	1.2	...
1.96	Br Bloodstock▲	49				
153.80	Br Polythene	516	...	...	2.4	18.5
2,040.00	Br Steel	102	+5½	...	1.2	...
43.40	Br Syphon	128	...	3.0	2.9	35.9
14.10	Br Thornton	14	-1	...	2.2	...
505.00	Br Vita	236	-1	7.1	3.8	14.5
15.80	Britton Grp	12	+½	0.0	0.3	...
10,075.30	Broken Hill	621	-18	...	2.9	28.4
71.40	Bromsgrove Ind	106	...	4.0	4.7	14.6
3.45	Brooke Tool	9½				
21.30	Brown & Tawse	67	-1	4.7		
131.90	Bullough	110	+1	6.0	6.9	18.8
2.90	Business Tech▲	14	-4	...	...	26.9
20.80	CI Group	26†	-1	1.0	5.2	∞
3.03	Campbll & Arml	21	...	2.0		
29.40	Cannon St	28½				
122.10	Cape	230	+2	10.5	5.7	14.7
86.50	Cardo Eng	207	+1	...	5.2	17.4
1,925.70	Carnaud Mtl	2388	+75	...	2.8	∞
3.99	Cassidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
39.50	Castings	187	-6	4.3	3.0	∞
9.87	Chamberlin Hill	135†	...	6.2	5.8	∞
649.80	Charter Cons	613	-21	21.5	4.4	14.7
55.60	Chemring	285	+6	...	1.2	...
4.51	Chieftain Gp▲	52	...	5.1	12.3	11.1
8.53	Chillington	30	...	0.5	2.1	...
319.80	Christies Int	201	-1	1.5	0.9	∞
9.69	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
1.75	Clayton Son	80				
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2		
6.49	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0		
61.00	Community H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.6
110.90	Concentric	205†	...	...	3.4	17.3
42.50	Cook (Wm)	194	-9	5.0	3.3	∞
1,124.40	Cookson	201	...	...	3.7	26.6
4.99	Copymaster▲	46	...	...	2.7	∞
76.20	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	188½	-½	5.7	3.8	16.1
15.00	Cosalt	130	...	10.7	...	19.5
6.52	Creighton Nt▲	177	+3	...	4.9	12.8
39.20	CrestaCare	47	+2	0.5	1.3	40.7
1,572.70	Dana	3425†	+87½			
303.00	Danka Bs Sys	773†	...	4.5	0.7	∞
0.94	Davies (DT)▲	16				
1,305.60	De La Rue	680	+15	...	3.2	17.6
2.91	Dinkie Heel	22	+1	0.9	5.4	17.5
270.70	Diploma	486†	-3	9.7	2.5	25.3
90.60	Dobson Park	74	+4	5.7	...	13.1
1.63	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
7.95	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
5.86	EFG▲	124 #				
170.70	EIS	387†	+12	...	3.9	∞
4.75	EIT Gp▲	9½ #				
3.04	Elbief	21				
5.80	Eleco	30	...	3.3	...	11.8
1,390.40	Electrolux 'B'	1887½	-107½	...	3.0	...
14.50	Elliott (B)	59	-1			
1,111.00	Eng China Cl	415	+1	...	6.0	22.3
5,536.30	Ericsson 'B'	2950	+50½	...	1.0	...
41.50	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	3.2	9.4
22.30	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	4.3	17.9
54.30	Expamet	86	+8	3.2	4.7	∞
236.60	Fairey Group	636	+2	10.2	2.0	19.6
34.00	Fenner	78	...	4.2	...	14.7
3.46	Ferraris Group▲	59†	...	...	2.2	13.5
2.04	Ferrometal▲	1				
8.47	Ferrum	26†	+2	2.5	12.0	18.2
5.36	Fife Indmar	31	+11	0.5	1.2	
1,098.70	Fisons	159	-4	...	6.8	18.4
44.50	Fitzwilton	38	-3	...	14.1	
58.60	Flogas	240	...	...	4.6	9.9
12.00	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	∞
8.98	French (Thmas)	75	+13	3.6	6.0	37.6
125.60	Frost Group	214	-3	4.0	2.6	∞
30.20	GEI Intl	82	...	7.3	11.2	16.9
1,229.90	GKN	468	+11	...	5.5	31.1
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
3.58	Garton Eng	94†	-4	4.0	5.3	...
201.20	Gestetner	108	-2	8.2	9.5	4.7
3.14	Gleves	23	...	...	...	16.6
17,852.60	Glaxo	589	-20	17.0	3.6	16.2
6.26	Glenchewton	24				
605.60	Glynwed	294†	-7	11.6	5.0	22.7
50.80	Goode Durrant	96	...	5.4	7.0	20.3
91.20	Grampian Hd	132	+5	5.5	5.2	22.9
1,863.30	Granada	399	...	7.7	2.4	21.2
47.90	Great Sthrn▲	406	+23	...	3.4	16.7
7.72	Green (Ernst)▲	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
19.90	Greenacre▲	11½	-½	...	3.0	∞
1.90	Guardian Grp▲	10				
42.50	Hadleigh MacLn	48½	-½	...	5.2	17.5
5.43	Hadleigh Inds▲	75				
66.10	Hall Eng	223	-4	8.6	4.8	18.6
337.20	Halma	230	+6	2.2	1.2	28.5
22.60	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
11,084.90	Hanson	229½	+1	...	6.2	11.7
24.60	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.4	15.6
1,194.50	Harrisn Crsfld	172	-10	9.0	6.5	24.8
17.60	Havelock Eurn	68	+5			
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38				
3.54	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.0	11.6
787.10	Hepworth	383	-4	14.8	4.8	16.5
12.40	Hewitt (J)	220	+6	3.0	1.7	17.2
1.69	High-Point	33	...	1.3		
42.90	Hill & Smith	144	+10	...	4.9	20.0
6.49	Hobson▲	8				
3.71	Holders Tech▲	119	+2	...	6.3	15.5
37.40	Hopkinsons	48	...	1.3	3.4	19.7
11.00	Hornby▲	136	-2	...	8.3	12.8
6.79	Hospital Crp	8½	-½	...	11.8	2.3
196.10	Howden	70	...	...	3.8	10.8
210.00	Hunting	219	+2	...	5.7	14.0
106.10	Huntleigh Tech▲	408	...	...	1.8	∞
881.90	IMI	270	...	...	4.6	23.1
40.30	ISA Intl	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
47.90	Intercare Gp▲	188	+3	...	1.7	19.9
30.90	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
3,492.80	Jardine Math	495	-12	...	2.4	19.1
829.20	Johnson Mtth	448	-2	9.6	2.7	18.6
72.30	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
18.20	Johnston	174†	+9	3.2	2.3	...
3.65	Jones Shipman	30				
5.87	Jourdan (T)	31†	...	0.2	3.0	...
9.40	Kalamazoo	51	...	...	...	42.0
218.50	Kalon	165	+½	...	2.4	22.9
6.54	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0		
173.80	Kershaw (A)	500	-10	27.0	6.8	25.9
19.90	Kleeneze	143	-18			
5.87	LGW▲	132	+9	3.0	2.8	10.9
131.10	Laird	283	+3	...	4.6	13.9
53.90	Lee (Arthur)	160	+1	...	4.7	66.3
29.30	Lilleshall	149	...	4.2	3.6	18.4
10.00	Lincat▲	149	-1	...	4.3	12.7
2.74	Lincoln Hse▲	17	...	...	...	14.0
13.10	Linread	109	+1	3.7	4.3	10.4
25.50	Linton Park	140†	...	14.0	9.2	∞
27.50	Lionheart	14	...	0.2	1.8	...
4.80	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	30.4
316.40	Lon Intl	188	-7	4.4	6.3	12.8
892.70	Lonrho	116½	-½	...	4.3	...
313.30	Low & Bonar	321	+2	...	3.6	45.0
1,364.80	ME-Caradon	298	-1	...	3.6	23.1
264.20	-do- pf	149	-1	7.2	6.1	...
36.00	ML Hdgs	24	-2	1.8	...	23.2
9.77	MS Intl	36	-1	2.5	8.7	30.3
19.70	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	11.7
143.60	Macfarlane	140†	+6	...	2.1	27.5
386.60	McKechnie	422	+4	14.7	4.4	20.9
56.90	McLeod Russel	94	-3	6.0	8.0	11.5
26.70	Maddox	6	-½	...	...	∞
4.36	Magnolia	76	...	0.1	0.2	12.2
15.60	Many Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
34.70	Marling	21½	...	0.3		
32.40	Maybornia	103	-7	...	3.8	13.5
101.00	Mayflower	51	-1	...	3.1	∞
610.70	Medeva	225	+6	...	1.3	18.3
221.90	Meggitt	103	...	...	4.6	17.5
86.50	Metalrax	117	+2	4.0	4.3	17.2
11.60	Metoxa	75	+2			
39.80	Midstates	80	+2	...	1.2	∞
6.96	Mining & Ald	24	-1	0.5	2.6	...
145.70	Molins	470	+9	...	3.7	12.2
540.30	Morgan Cruc	272½	+1½	...	5.9	14.5
11.10	Morris Ashby	136	+2	...	4.3	11.8
0.01	Neopsend	25	-1	1.5		
39.60	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
19.90	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
216.10	Norcros	159	-10	...	5.7	∞
24.50	Novo Group	30	...	...	1.0	...
161.40	Nu-Swift	365	+45	...	6.8	10.1
2.94	Office Elec Mar	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
10.00	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
9.78	PCT▲	128†	...	...	7.1	∞
2.02	Pacer Systems▲	43	-1	...	8.3	...
397.50	Pentland	107†	-2	...	2.9	14.5
225.70	Photo-Me	380	+10	4.4	1.5	19.4
1,057.60	Pilkington	134	+1	6.0	5.6	48.8
2.68	Platon	27				
49.90	Plasmbrook	70†	-1	3.0	5.4	11.0
225.30	Polypipe	145	-3	1.9	1.7	20.9
298.50	Portals	463	-8	...	3.9	15.8
2.70	Porter Chadburn	23	-1	2.5	13.6	5.7
1.25	Porth Gp▲	8½				
273.00	Powerscreen	310	-1	6.0	2.4	18.0
32.00	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	5.1	9.1
6.34	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
1.16	Radiant Metal	85				
23.90	Ransom Oil▲	136	+6	...	1.8	...
2,229.40	Rank Org	713	-7	31.0	5.4	19.8
15.30	Ransomes	27				
2,143.00	Reckitt Colm	573	-2	...	3.5	20.8
21.30	Record	73†	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
6.76	Reece	9½				
39.30	Relyon	187	-2	4.9	3.3	22.4
140.70	Renishaw	289	-1	6.5	2.8	22.1
40.80	Renold	62	+½	2.0	2.0	...
6,009.90	Reuters	1309	-21	31.2	1.9	22.6
6.50	Rexmore	37	+½	1.7	5.9	9.1
36.30	Ricardo Group	115	...	5.7	6.2	32.3
3.53	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
21.20	Richardson West	81	+1	3.0	4.6	20.8
7.98	Ropner	122	...	8.2	6.5	17.3
18.00	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
37.70	Rosti Gp	33	-2	0.6	2.5	13.5
178.70	Rotork	160†	+6	...	2.9	21.2
12.50	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
14.60	Russell (A)	62	-1	1.0	2.0	...
16.60	SEP Indl	27	-1	...	3.5	24.4
478.10	SKF 'B'	750	-37½			
28.10	Sanderson Elec	319	+1	9.0	3.5	13.6
30.40	Savage	80	...	...	0.4	...
41.00	Saville Grdn (J)	41	...	2.2	6.7	16.2
503.00	Scapa	221½	+½	5.3	3.0	18.0
149.20	Scholl	222	+3	...	3.5	16.2
2.15	Scot Heritable	6				
38.00	Securicor	935	+5	2.6	0.4	35.6
486.20	-do- 'A'	601	+2	2.6	0.5	22.9
350.30	Security Serv	502	+8	5.0	1.3	24.8
368.40	Senior Eng	103½	...	...	3.8	17.3
101.30	Seton Health	348	...	...	1.8	22.3
3.26	Sheldon Jones▲	63				
7.39	Sifam	128	+2	3.5	2.8	13.8
121.80	Sidlaw	351†	+27	10.0	3.6	16.3
1,808.10	Siebe	466	+1	...	2.7	16.9
141.10	Silentnight	299†	-2	8.0	3.3	∞
1,739.00	Sime Darby	111	-1	...	3.8	12.6
46.30	Simon Eng	46	-5	5.0	13.6	10.5
52.10	Sinclair (Wm)	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
34.20	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	
1,492.10	Smith & Neph	145	+4	...	4.0	10.4
6,190.30	SmithKline	453½	-20½	8.6	2.4	16.4
5,226.90	SmithKline Uts	399	-28	...	3.3	14.4
1,013.10	Smiths Ind	349	+5	11.2	4.1	13.9
74.40	Stan Bus	77	+11	3.3	5.6	7.2
44.00	Spandex▲	410	+5	...	2.0	18.0
34.10	Spear (JW)	690	+140	4.0	2.7	12.0
257.40	Spirax-Sarco	340	...	...	3.4	21.6
273.50	Spring Ram	74	-3	0.3	0.6	∞
263.80	Staveley	232	-5	8.2	4.4	13.2
37.00	Sterling Inst	132	...	5.6	5.3	16.5
95.00	Stonehill	17	-1½			
163.50	Suter	151	-½	8.8	7.3	15.8
	Swire Pacif 'A'	335	-11	...	2.7	∞
7.14	Sycamore	5½				
5.73	Sykes-Pick	62	+8	...	8.1	11.9
22.40	Sykone	275	+5	9.4	4.3	12.7
832.80	T & N	181	+5	...	7.5	20.0
1,508.00	TI	325	+4	...	4.1	18.0
4.24	TLS Range▲	21†	+2	...	1.5	...
225.60	TT Group	281	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
308.70	Takare	234	-4	1.8	1.0	19.4
7,142.10	Takeda Chem	817	+10	...	0.5	21.7
2.12	Tex Hldgs	31	+1			
6.63	Tinsley (E)▲	92	+1	...	7.1	40.7
21.80	Titon▲	194†	-1	...	2.3	16.9
2,519.90	Tomkins	226	-2	...	3.5	15.9
942.80	Trafalgar H	110	+5	...	3.7	8.1
215.40	-do- 'A'	110	+5			
99.10	Transfer Tech	530†	+3	16.0	3.8	13.4
112.90	Triplex Lloyd	175	+1	7.0	5.0	16.0
308.60	UniChem	223	...	5.6	3.2	∞
59.20	Unidare	308	...	...	7.0	9.2
12.70	Unigroup	43½	+1½			
8,229.60	Unilever	1016	-2	23.3	2.6	13.8
11,164.50	Unilever (NV)	6950	+18½	...	3.1	10.1
298.70	VSEL	803	+50	...	4.6	8.4
12.90	Verson	9½	+1			
443.50	Vickers	135	-1	...	1.4	...
143.40	Victaulic	326	+1	...	3.0	16.1
134.20	Vinten	345	+5	...	2.5	16.1
178.90	Vosper Thorny	579	+5	15.8	3.5	∞
4.49	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	8.4	11.2
186.90	Wagon Ind	422	...	...	5.0	16.3
78.50	Walker Greenbk	82†	-2	3.1	4.7	20.9
369.30	Wassall	242	-12	2.5	1.3	24.4
244.50	Wnford Wdgwd	34½	+3½			
464.00	Weir	598	-9	11.8	2.5	∞
6,574.00	Wellcome	760	-11	13.0	2.1	21.0
7.39	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
151.50	West Hlthcare	297	+2	...	1.6	19.1
112.90	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
97.50	Whessoe	335	-11	...	3.0	12.9
13.30	Wheway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
21.10	Whitecroft	48	-1	4.0	...	4.1
3.99	Widney	7½				
14.10	Wilkes (James)	80†	-1	3.5	5.5	23.4
1,494.10	Williams Hldg	309	-3	12.5	5.1	16.0
22.60	Wilshaw	29½	-1	0.4	1.7	24.2
1,509.30	Wolseley	632	-2	12.5	2.5	21.9
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
14.80	Wyko	45	+2	2.8	...	25.7
9.28	Young (H)	56†	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
639.80	Alex & Alex	1673†	-6½	...	3.8	...
4,336.00	Am Gen	2025	+25	...	3.4	...
11.70	Archer (AJ)	46	+2	4.4	12.0	22.4
63.50	Bradstock	120	+1	5.1	5.3	14.8
929.70	Britannic	1428	+5	35.5	2.8	...
3,157.60	Com Union	598	+19	...	5.2	...
106.80	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
55.90	FAI	27	+2			
2,619.00	Gen Accident	582	+35	26.7	5.7	...
1,543.30	GRE	178	+6	7.0	4.9	14.8
207.00	Heath C E	324	-1	16.0	6.2	19.0
115.70	Hogg Gp	180†	...	8.1	5.7	16.3
308.50	JIB Group	189	...	7.5	5.0	19.1
2,215.90	Legal & Gen	455	-17	...	5.2	27.6
2,021.00	Liberty Life	882	+6	...	3.3	15.3
2,798.60	Lloyds Abbey	416	-1	17.5	3.2	15.0
188.10	Lloyd Thomp	283	+20	5.6	2.4	21.6
398.60	Londn & Man	335	...	14.2	5.3	24.7
96.40	Lowndes Lmb	343	-1	12.6	4.6	13.6
4,272.30	Marsh McLn	5825	+31½	...	2.9	...
12.70	Oriel	89†	...	...	7.0	∞
18.50	PWS	59†	-1	4.0	8.5	8.6
5,925.20	Prudential	315	-9	...	4.7	20.9
538.70	Refuge	1048	+3	31.5	3.8	29.0
1,875.60	Royal	289†	+6	...	2.8	...
749.30	Sedgwick	175	+11	6.0	4.3	21.1
101.10	Steel Burrill	216	+4	...	7.7	12.8
32.90	Sturge Hldgs	65	+3	8.2	...	6.5
2,817.50	Sun Alliance	350	+27	14.2	5.1	...
104.10	Trade Indemnity	97	-1			
802.40	Transatlantic	274	...	12.0	5.5	25.4
589.70	Utd Friendly	720	...	14.5	2.5	31.4
829.40	Willis Corroon	199†	+3	...	4.1	42.8
5.24	Windsor	19	+2	...	...	14.9



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
825.00	Alliance	1637	-2	45.0	3.4	∞
196.60	Amer Trust	236	-4	4.9	2.6	49.0
398.60	Ang & O'seas	349	+5	6.8	2.5	44.3
65.60	BZW Conv	130	+2½	7.8	7.5	15.2
243.20	Bankers	357	+2	3.4	2.7	43.2
141.60	Baring Tribne	276	+1	6.4	2.9	43.6
8.27	Berry Starq	159	+1	2.2	1.7	51.7
382.10	Br Assets	99½	...	...	5.4	26.4
91.10	Br Empire Sec	69½	+1	0.8	1.6	69.5
2.39	-do- Wnts	18	+1			
524.20	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.4	∞
31.00	Cont Asset	152	...	2.4	2.0	50.6
17.50	Derby Inc	148	...	16.6	14.0	3.9
38.00	-do- Cap	248	-5			
121.60	Drayton Asia	121	...	0.7	0.7	...
8.34	-do- Blue Chip	66†	...	8.4	15.9	∞
23.10	-do- Eng Intl	66†	+5	1.2	2.2	∞
135.30	-do- Far East	117	+5	0.6	0.7	...
25.80	-do- Korea	112	+5	0.5	0.6	...
183.90	Dunedin Inc G	579	-1	25.4	5.5	26.6
198.00	-do- Wwde	591†	+15	9.5	2.0	60.9
43.20	Dundee & Lon	257	+8	12.0	5.8	23.7
7.50	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	12.2	9.0
7.91	-do- Dw Pf	52½	+½			
763.90	Edinburgh	280†	-2	8.4	4.0	∞
145.30	Electric Gen	164	+2	3.1	2.4	52.2
1.42	English Scot	96				
60.60	European Asset	343	...	...	3.1	29.6
27.00	Finsbury 'A'	98†	+2	3.0	3.9	38.9
174.10	Fleming Amer	203	+6	0.7	0.3	...
80.70	-do- Claver	198	+2	...	3.3	38.2
181.30	Do Contl	297	+4	2.7	1.4	∞
69.00	-do- Estp	170	+2	4.3	3.3	38.2
421.80	-do- F East	279	...	1.1	0.5	∞
37.30	-do- Fledg	295	...	3.0	1.3	...
33.10	-do- HI Inc	116	...	5.8	6.3	∞
253.70	-do- Japan	220	+10	0.1	0.2	...
374.30	-do- Merc	289	...	6.7	3.3	∞
325.40	-do- O'seas	246	+2½	4.0	2.0	58.5
1,192.90	Foreign & Col	227	+1½	3.3	1.8	61.8
109.70	-do- Eurotst	186	-1	1.2	0.8	...
37.30	-do- German	95†	+1	0.5	0.7	...
284.10	-do- Pacific	207	+2	1.9	0.9	...
125.80	-do- Smaller	141	+3	...	1.8	71.8
139.20	GT Japan	223	+4	...	0.6	...
23.50	Genl Cons Cap	130				
39.50	-do- Inc	109	...	...	9.7	11.3
30.70	Govett Am Smlr	125				
490.60	-do- Oriental	273	-5	0.9	0.4	...
241.60	-do- Strategy	246	+4	...	3.4	34.8
42.60	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.3	55.4
0.35	Gresham House	8				
45.60	Independent Inv	49	...	0.5	1.3	77.6
319.10	Inv Cap	123	+2	5.1	4.9	25.0
25.50	IAS UK Smlr	88	+1	2.8	4.0	34.5
136.90	Kleinwort Char	169	+1	5.0	3.7	22.9
161.20	-do- O'seas	201	+1	3.3	2.1	57.1
16.70	-do- Smlr	119	...	6.2	4.2	28.8
133.90	Law Debenture	590	+9	18.2	3.9	29.5
90.80	Majedie	173†	...	...	3.4	33.5
244.50	Merchants	239	-1	10.6	5.5	22.2
5,067.60	Merrill Lynch	4931½	+18½			
329.80	Monks Inv Tst	425	+5	0.7	2.0	∞
28.50	Morg Gren Inc	117†	...	...	4.9	23.2
1.56	Do Warrants	32				
12.80	Murray Euro	42	...	0.1	0.5	∞
0.51	Do Wts	8½				
258.90	Murray Income	309	+3	...	6.4	28.2
347.40	-do- Intl	299	+1	11.4	4.9	26.1
171.10	-do- Small	305	+5	4.0	1.6	68.7
5.32	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
3.66	-do- S/C Cap	93				
1.53	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
8.62	-do- S/C DP	144				
61.80	-do- Vent	280	-6	...	3.1	19.7
69.00	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
30.90	Nwthrng Inc	79	...	6.7	11.0	∞
111.60	O'seas Inv Tst	293†	+5	2.8	1.2	...
72.70	Pacific Assets	371	...	1.1	0.4	...
10.60	Do Warrants	275	+1			
12.30	Personal Assets	£125	...	...	3.5	48.5
251.30	RIT Cap Ptnr	140	+3	1.1	1.0	∞
22.90	River & Merc	172†	-1	9.1	10.3	11.2
	Robeco	388	...	...	3.4	...
	Rolinco	390	+7	...	2.1	...
62.60	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
316.40	Scot American	141½	+1½	4.3	3.8	28.9
41.60	Scot Asian	198	-6			
2.65	-do- Warrants	375	-10			
446.70	-do- Eastern	70½	-½	1.5	2.7	48.3
501.20	Scottish	197	-1	4.6	3.0	40.5
688.90	-do- Mtge	191†	-2	4.0	2.6	49.6
38.60	-do- Value	80½	-1	...	2.8	57.3
277.10	Second Allnce	1443	+7	36.5	3.2	38.8
264.20	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	+1	3.2	4.9	27.3
35.00	Selective Asset	121	...	1.2	1.2	43.6
26.10	Sphere Inv	21½	...	3.1	18.0	6.9
62.80	TR Far East	133†	+2	4.5	4.2	24.6
259.10	TR City Of Ldn	185½	+½	4.7	4.4	28.4
93.10	TR Pacific	139	+1	0.3	0.3	...
74.70	TR Property	26½	+1	0.9	4.4	∞
26.40	TR Tech Inv	80	...	1.7	3.6	39.8
308.30	TR Tmlr Cos	173	+2	3.7	2.7	50.7
173.00	Temple Bar	302	+2	13.2	5.5	22.6
98.00	Thmtn Asian E	88	-1	0.5	0.7	...
200.50	Throgmorton	86	...	2.3	4.4	26.9
14.70	Throg Dual Cp	420				
71.00	USDC Invest	194	+3	4.5	2.9	35.2
42.40	Value Inc Tst	102†	+3½	3.6	4.4	25.7
355.30	Whitbread Inv	563	-1	16.5	3.7	∞
713.30	Witan	190	-2	5.6	3.7	33.3

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
281.50	Airtours	306	+11	7.2	3.0	10.8
36.40	Aid Leis	57	+½	4.7	...	16.3
133.80	Anglia TV	302	+1	...	3.8	14.0
21.00	Barr & W 'A'	212†	+5	10.0	5.9	13.7
46.40	Boosey Hwks	1190	...	22.0	2.3	17.8
12.10	Border TV▲	118	+2	...	2.9	15.4
33.40	Brent Walker	11½	-1½			
6.63	Buckingham Intl	5½	-½			
14.00	Campari	135	...	12.0	11.1	...
130.80	Capital Radio	184	-1	5.2	3.6	21.2
1,562.20	Carlton Comm	786	+28	17.0	2.7	23.1
11.40	Castle Comm▲	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
509.20	Central TV	1900	+10	38.0	2.5	20.7
17.20	Chrysalis	66				
438.10	Compass Gp	489	-5	...	3.3	14.6
59.20	Eurocamp	225	-10	9.7	5.4	9.3
1,348.10	Euro Disney	793	-37	...	1.5	...
8.90	Euro Leisure	3½	-½			
21.50	Ex-Lands	31	+8			
8.75	Fairline Boats	250	-63	10.5	5.3	...
532.90	First Leisure	239	-1	6.1	2.3	23.5
15.60	GWR Gp▲	510	...	...	1.7	28.2
27.20	Grampian	195	-1	6.1	4.0	∞
0.35	Greenwich Comm▲	5				
33.90	HTV Group	49	-1	...	...	21.8
22.60	Hi-Tec Sports	40	...	2.0	5.2	∞
25.90	Kunick	10½	+½			
330.40	LWT CP	373†	-4	...	1.6	17.3
53.60	Man Utd	439	-1	18.0	5.1	15.1
153.30	Owners Abrd	94	-4	3.5	4.7	7.5
42.00	The Pelican Gp	56	+2	...	2.2	19.3
8.85	Prism Leisure▲	180	...	...	3.1	12.5
4.45	Quadrant Grp	19				
26.20	Radio Clyde▲	291	+3	...	3.7	22.5
10.10	Ramsdens (H)	168	...	...	3.3	22.3
227.50	Scot TV	474	-1	9.9	2.6	23.3
11.90	Southern Radio	42	-3	0.7	2.4	17.4
92.60	Stanley Leisure	230	+2	...	2.5	17.7
7.36	Sunleigh▲	8				
7.71	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
787.40	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
97.20	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
23.30	Ticketing▲	2½				
15.10	Tottenham Hot	94	-5	...	...	3.0
27.50	Trans World▲	69	...	...	1.4	28.2
45.60	Ulster TV	434	+15	10.0	2.9	13.3
43.80	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
8.41	Whitegate	26	+5			
93.60	Yorkshire TV	186†	-1	12.0	8.1	5.6
7.21	Zetters Gp	110	+3	8.0	9.1	11.3

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
990.00	Am Gold	4100	-934	...	5.1	∞
336.90	Ang Am Coal	1337½	+12½	...	6.9	∞
4,526.00	Ang Am	1950	-47½	...	3.6	∞
13.60	Anglo Pac Res▲	17½				
25.90	Blyvoors	108	+1	...	5.7	3.9
5.32	Bracken	38	-3	...	...	2.2
73.00	Buffels	864	-11	...	5.9	16.4
5.89	Butte	2½	+½			
3,423.50	CRA	577	-16	...	3.6	...
25.00	Cluff Res	34½	-6½			
4,301.30	De Beers	1131½	+12½	...	4.3	15.3
122.40	Deelkraal	123	-10	...	4.9	6.7
27.60	Doornfontein	69	-14			
1,654.40	Driefontein	811	-20	...	4.1	14.9
13.30	Durban	574	-34			
55.60	E Rand Gold	122	-1	...	9.6	∞
10.00	E Daggs	138	-12	...	...	11.5
44.90	E Rand Prop	220	+5			
409.30	Elandsrand	422	-46	...	2.9	9.9
787.60	FS Cons	860	-32	...	7.5	∞
6.67	FS Dev	30	-3			
1,409.00	GFSA	1463	+13	...	2.8	23.0
2,311.90	Gencor	266	+7	...	5.9	13.0
259.60	GM Kalgoorli	54½	-9	...	2.5	19.4
15.00	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	-1½			
13.70	Grootvlei	130	-22	...	8.6	7.1
89.80	Harmony	334	-11			
414.40	Hartebst	370	-10	...	5.3	∞
24.80	Inocor	12	+1½			
622.00	Impala Plat	1000	+63	...	...	22.6
10.80	Kenmare Res▲	10½				
146.00	Kinross	811	+1	...	6.2	8.9
1,034.10	Kloof	770	-2	...	3.3	12.0
13.90	Leslie	87	-1	...	4.8	8.6
17.70	Loraine	108	-7			
1,280.60	MIM	91½	-5	...	2.5	41.7
1,800.50	Minorco	1051	+21	...	3.6	12.4
741.60	Nth Brkn Hill	116½	-8	...	4.3	∞
382.70	Orange Free	1700	-100	...	7.7	∞
6,750.70	RTZ	657½	-14½	...	4.1	24.1
80.10	Rand Mines	537½	+15½	...	11.0	2.4
17.10	Rand Min Prp	138	...	...	12.3	6.6
305.70	Randfontein	500	+4	...	3.4	7.6
361.90	Rendson	182	-3	...	2.5	17.7
1,441.20	Rustenbrg	1150	-25	...	4.0	18.0
50.40	St Helena	524	-32	...	4.6	10.8
408.90	Southvaal	1565	-10	...	3.7	22.0
10.70	Stilfontein	82	-4	...	7.8	14.3
48.20	Unisel	172	-17	...	1.8	16.7
841.00	Vaal Reefs	4480	-175	...	5.0	7.5
159.40	Welkom	451	-22	...	4.5	∞
79.40	Western Areas	197	+5			
471.10	Western Deep	1700	-9½	...	3.7	7.8
2,326.90	Wstrn Mining	262½	-17½			
91.80	Winkels	756	-14	...	1.4	6.1
76.00	Zambia Copper	62				
71.60	Zandpan	55	-13	...	...	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238				
10.30	Airflow Stream	120	+3	3.0	3.2	∞
53.80	Appleyard	114	...	5.2	5.7	...
12.30	Blackley Mtr	270	...	...	4.1	13.8
23.80	Bostrom	151	+2	6.0	5.0	26.7
1,398.40	Br Aerospace	370	+31	7.0	2.4	...
10.10	Caffyns	300	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
11.70	Cwerdale	8½				
17.40	Central Mtrs	130	+6	...	3.8	33.1
10.70	Cook (DC)▲	25	-1			
110.90	Cowie (T)	220	+2	6.2	3.6	16.8
13.90	Dag Motors	103	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
27.40	Davnprt Vern	140†	+2	...	3.6	17.7
23.00	ERF	238	+22	4.0		
38.30	European Mtr	102	-6	...	1.8	...
63.00	Evans Halshaw	298	+4	11.2	4.8	45.1
204.20	FR Group	273†	+21	7.2	3.3	∞
17,450.20	Ford Motor	3575†	+200			
18,819.40	General Mtr	2662½	+100	...	1.9	...
5.26	Gowrings	58	...	...	2.0	4.3
58.30	Henlys	146	-4	3.0	2.6	...
8,246.60	Honda Motor	947	+37	...	0.7	...
2.81	Jacks (Wm)	26	+1			
7.46	Jessups	88†	-1	4.5	6.4	...
340.40	Kwik-Fit	140	+6	...	3.0	25.0
324.30	Lex Service	345	+4	...	3.8	18.9
23.00	Lookers	120	+2	6.2	6.5	...
968.20	Lucas	134	+2	7.0	6.5	...
103.30	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
32.90	Perry Gp	175	+2	6.0	4.3	...
25.30	Quicks Group	155	+2	4.5	3.6	∞
1,356.20	Rolls-Royce	140	-5	...	4.5	...
94.60	Trinity Hldgs	184	+3	...	3.8	∞
65.90	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
172.30	Westland	181	+8	4.2	3.0	15.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
20.00	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
4.83	Black (A&C)	315†	...	13.5	5.4	∞
441.20	Blenheim Gp	478	-65	...	2.4	17.8
61.10	Bristol	369	-1	11.7	4.1	∞
457.50	Daily Mail	9150	...	13.0	1.8	20.6
456.30	Daily Mail 'A'	9125	...	13.0	1.8	20.5
176.20	Dorling Kind	286	+6	...	1.3	27.3
626.30	EMAP	361	+4	...	2.6	23.5
219.80	Euromoney Pb	1088†	...	22.5	3.4	26.5
19.70	Harrington K	307	...	4.5	2.8	16.7
34.60	Haynes Pub	338	...	6.0	2.3	14.5
48.60	Headline	405	...	5.0	1.6	∞
12.50	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	...
13.30	Intl Bus Comm	8½	-½	...	...	12.7
6.20	Int Cm & Data	9	+1½			
894.40	Independent	310‡	-2	...	4.1	13.0
166.00	Johnston Press	539	...	6.2	1.4	23.3
27.40	Metal Bulletn	281	+1	8.0	3.6	19.8
617.20	Mirror Gp	154	...	...	...	...
5,885.10	News Corp	330	-7½	...	0.3	22.3
1,547.00	News Intl	224	...	...	0.5	15.5
2,510.70	Pearson	459	-20	...	3.3	28.0
80.20	Portsmth Sund	668	...	8.6	1.6	17.2
3,626.80	Reed Int	648	+5	...	3.3	28.2
22.10	Southnews	146	-2	...	1.8	∞
44.80	Sterling Pub▲	127	...	...	2.3	45.2
1,542.10	Telegraph	390	+4	...	3.5	14.3
4,353.40	Thomson Corp	765	-18	28.4	4.2	...
258.40	Trinity Intl	375	+13	8.7	2.9	22.5
1.93	Unit Group▲	38	+2			
1,182.00	Utd Nwspprs	586	-10	...	4.6	18.8

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8.89	Aberdeen Pet▲	17½				
96.80	Anm Energy	34½	+1	...	...	33.6
29.80	Ascon Inds	51	-1			
	Aus Oil & Gas	62	+5½			
12.10	Aviva Pet	65	+2			
3.31	Beverley	9½	...	...	0.6	...
62.50	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	3.9	4.5
12,469.30	British Gas	289½	-2	14.5	6.2	13.9
16,604.20	Br Petroleum	307½	...	10.5	4.3	48.5
16.40	Bula Resources	1½				
1,323.00	Burmah Castl	700	-4	...	4.5	17.1
29.40	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	8.6
396.20	Calor Gp	236†	-1	...	6.4	19.6
207.00	Clyde Pet	52	-2			
28.40	Coplex Res	28	-2			
3.59	Edin Oil & Gas	21½	+6			
2,232.30	Enterprise	467	+1	16.0	4.3	57.6
61.80	Exp Co Louis	68	-7			
61.30	Fairhaven Intl	29½	-4			
31.10	Goal Pet	40½	+7½	1.4	2.9	11.6
33.50	Gt Western Res	37	+3			
141.60	Hardy O & G	150	-1	1.0	0.8	40.0
58.00	Ken Energy	41	-4			
1,177.50	LASMO	157	+4	3.3	2.6	31.8
5.60	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
38.40	Mid Scot Res▲	18½				
308.90	Monument	46½	...	...	...	74.9
7.53	New London	30				
15.60	Nth Sea Assets	35	...	3.0	4.2	10.4
94.90	Oil Search	31	+1			
	Petrez	18½				
55.20	Pict Pet	107	+1	...	...	44.9
186.00	Premier	28½	...	...	...	10.5
29.20	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
384.00	Ranger	390	-42	...	4.1	...
32,097.40	Royal Dtch Pt	£59½	-1½	...	5.4	14.0
10,486.80	Schlumberger	£37½	+1½	...	1.7	...
20.80	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
19,984.90	Shell	603	-2	21.9	4.5	18.5
5.42	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
1.87	Teredo▲	6	...	...	...	3.9
20.60	Triton Europe	25	+1	...	...	5.7
5.79	Villers Grp	11½	...	...	2.4	...
1,013.30	Woodside	152	...	...	...	...

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70.00	API	330†	...	7.5	2.8	25.7
1,494.10	Arjo Wiggins	183	+5	...	4.4	18.0
75.50	Abbott Mead	505	...	9.3	2.3	29.3
3.51	Acsis Group	1½				
48.70	Aegis Gp	29	...	1.3	5.0	...
25.90	Aspen Comm▲	280	+8	...	3.1	18.2
1.06	BBB Design▲	13				
86.40	Bemrose	347	+2	...	4.3	14.0
3.03	Brkdale	17	-8	0.2	1.5	14.4
516.10	Bunzl	126	-2	4.0	4.0	19.0
29.00	CIA Gp	264	...	...	2.1	16.7
55.40	Capital Inds	208	...	...	1.9	19.9
4.24	City of Lon▲	55	...	...	8.5	∞
17.30	Cropper (James)	234	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
3.66	Crown Comm▲	6 #				
5.51	Delyn Pckging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
26.70	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	25.9
6.43	Dudley Jenkins▲	56	...	...	...	14.4
27.80	Elswick	13½	-½	0.3	2.8	...
22.00	Fairway Groupe	71	+3	...	5.5	20.9
101.10	Ferguson Intl	311†	-1	12.5	5.0	∞
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	0.7	28.3
23.50	Flotex▲	105	+4	...	0.5	20.2
5.87	Flext	16½	-½			
8.49	Gibbon Lyons▲	94	...	...	9.6	18.6
72.80	Gold Greenlees	280	...	...	3.7	22.7
3.89	Goodhead	26	+1	0.5	2.4	...
40.50	Hunterprint	70	-5			
9.65	Interurope	180	...	7.4	5.2	11.8
80.10	Jarvis Porter	252	-3	4.7	2.4	∞
15.80	Lopex	31	+1	...	...	∞
91.10	More O'Ferrall	282	-7	13.2	5.9	∞
34.70	NMC Group	87	...	1.2	...	17.2
6.85	Osborne & Little	97	-3	4.3	5.6	12.4
42.90	Quarto	259	-19	5.3	2.4	15.3
314.30	St Ives Gp	318	+1	5.2	2.1	21.7
362.80	Saatchi	165	-5			
665.20	Sappi	443	+10	...	8.5	∞
4.46	Serif▲	18	+4			
20.20	Shandwick	24½				
433.00	Smith David	358	...	9.5	3.4	15.5
1,181.40	Smurfit (Jeff)	242†	+2	...	3.2	15.0
52.70	Stat-Plus	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
55.20	Taylor Nelson	29½	+1	0.3	1.5	21.2
4.09	VTR▲	56	...	...	7.6	16.0
370.00	WPP	85	+2	...	1.5	...
96.40	Wace	129	-5	...	2.2	...
171.00	Waddington (J)	213	-1	7.9	4.6	16.1
225.70	Watmough	682	+9	11.5	2.1	24.8
7.55	Wesponts▲	6½	+½	...	...	23.3
1.43	Whitney Mck▲	20	-1			
10.40	Wood (SW)	74	-5	1.2	2.1	∞

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
52.70	Allied Lon	26	+8	3.5	5.8	66.6
3.58	Arcadian	63				
52.20	Asda	93†	+14	2.1	2.8	9.8
50.60	Arunside	132	+2	4.0	3.9	18.5
7,121.30	BCE▲	2325	+100			
257.60	Bilton	395	+33	18.9	4.0	21.5
3.44	Bourne End	40†	...	1.0	3.1	...
300.30	Bradford	209	+6	4.4	3.7	19.0
3.51	Brefero	15	-2	...	...	1.4
974.30	Br Land	326†	-1	...	2.7	29.5
350.90	Brixton	212†	+15	...	5.3	15.4
87.70	Burford	75½	+3½	...	1.9	...
27.90	Cap & Regnl▲	154	+1	...	0.9	∞
4.15	Cardiff Prop	160	...	2.4	1.9	...
69.20	Chesterfield	370†	+35	11.0	3.7	∞
4.63	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4		
4.53	Clarke Nickolls	22	+6	0.3	...	5.3
4.94	Clayform	14				
24.80	Conrad Rbist GS	46	+12	...	1.4	...
183.00	Daejan	1123	+15	25.0	2.8	17.5
5.13	Dares Estates	2½				
38.30	Debenham Twsn	92	+6	2.5	3.4	33.4
3.78	De Morgan	8				
25.00	Dencora	140†	+15	3.0	2.7	...
37.90	Derwent Hldgs	488	+20	8.6	2.2	60.8
14.10	Estates Agency	235	+15	3.0	...	21.5
3.42	Estates Gen	16				
3.06	Evanbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
142.00	Evans Of Leeds	369	+10	4.1	1.1	16.2
12.70	Five Oaks	27				
4.28	Fletcher King	51	-1	1.0	2.5	36.9
152.30	Frogmore	406	+19	15.0	4.6	22.9
30.90	Grainger	155	+10	5.2	4.2	34.6
458.40	Gr Portland	191	+7	10.0	6.5	19.0
20.60	Greycoat	23½	+2½	5.2	...	
3,546.40	HK Land	132	-5	...	5.0	∞
290.00	Hamptn Cnpe	70				
132.90	Hammerson	380	+11	10.0	3.3	36.6
461.00	-do- 'A'	353	+12	10.0	3.8	34.0
41.10	Helical Bar	227	+9	...	2.8	...
15.80	Hemingway	29				
11.80	Herring Baker	74	+4	...	3.2	6.3
2.76	Jermyn	138				
2,908.80	Land Sec	576†	+24	...	5.0	17.1
229.40	Lon Merch Sec	95	+5	3.8	5.0	15.1
2.13	Lon & Metro	3½				
1,426.20	MEPC	441	+15	20.0	5.7	18.3
4.51	McInerney A	7½				
32.60	McKay Secs	120	+5	6.3	...	19.7
7.94	Markheath	6½	-½	0.5		
6.37	Merivale Mre	46	...	1.0		
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #				
3.85	Moorfield Est	35	+5			
44.30	Mountview	926	...	18.0	2.5	9.3
141.50	Mucklow (A&J)	195	-7	5.8	5.1	20.4
2.93	Olive Hldgs	40	-2	1.5	4.7	...
4.32	Ossory Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.4
157.80	PSIT	130	+5	2.7	3.6	25.9
158.00	Peel	198	+2	3.0	1.8	...
10.50	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
6.83	Property Trust	35	-4			
19.40	Raglan	2½				
29.30	Regalian	25	+½	1.5	7.5	4.9
16.90	Rockwarn Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
42.00	St Modwen Prp	36	+3	0.6	2.1	27.4
24.40	Savills	66				
78.70	Scot Met	81	+5	1.5		
23.10	Shaftesbury	95	+1			
1.01	Shield	10½				
815.40	Slough Estates	212	+10	...	4.8	14.8
71.00	Southend Prop	77	+2	4.1	6.8	38.8
3.62	Speyhawk	14 #				
43.20	Stanhope Prps▲	26	+1			
77.30	Tops Ests	168	+7	3.0	1.5	42.6
136.50	Town Centre	115	+4	3.1	3.4	21.5
46.00	Trafford Park	68	...	2.5	4.7	18.3
1.27	UK Land	27	-1			
14.50	Union Square	7½				
136.20	Warner	259†	+7	10.5	5.5	21.6
73.70	Warnford	192	+3	7.5	5.0	∞
0.87	Wateglade	4	+2			
80.40	Wates	67	+7	0.7	1.4	...
6.15	Wood John D▲	75				

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.91	Automagica▲	16	+1			
44.10	Headlam	150	+5	...	2.2	∞
20.90	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	8.4
16.90	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
47.80	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
27.80	Stylo	145	+10	3.0	2.6	∞
11.50	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.9

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130.50	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
7.21	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
3.10	Bolton Gp	33	+8	...	...	16.8
21.00	Br Mohair	158	...	8.5	6.7	∞
1.25	Charnwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
136.20	Claremont Ga	338	-5	7.2	2.7	21.1
570.70	Courtauld Text	565	+19	13.6	3.0	15.5
5.38	Cupid▲	30	+3			
345.90	Dawson	222	-4	9.0	5.1	21.7
4.06	Drummond	25	-1	1.5	...	7.7
8.76	Dunkeld	29				
5.59	Foxpat▲	70	...	...	8.7	6.9
2.52	Foster (John)	22	+2	0.5	2.8	...
6.21	Gaskell	128†	...	4.2	4.3	∞
20.20	Hicking Pntcst	177	+2	3.4	2.4	15.0
4.30	Jerome (S)	57	-1			
108.90	Lamont	363	+5	12.0	4.2	23.4
90.40	Leeds	476†	-24	...	1.9	23.0
4.26	Lister	38	+1	0.1	0.3	...
5.81	Lyles (S)	80	+1	4.9	7.7	9.1
40.10	Magellan	162	-9	1.4	1.1	...
7.45	Parkland 'A'	130†	+2	2.0	1.9	...
186.50	Readicut	97	-1½	3.4	4.6	∞
1.61	SEET	40				
45.50	Sirdar	85	+1	6.1	7.6	14.9
52.70	Stirling Gp	61	+1	1.6	3.4	22.3
29.50	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
18.70	Tomkinsons	300†	-1	11.5	4.8	25.9
6.32	West Trust	39	...	...	8.0	...
19.80	Yorklyde	399†	...	10.4	3.3	13.1

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,134.50	BAT	437†	-3	...	5.4	16.0
3,690.50	Rothmans 'B'	810	-9	10.2	2.1	13.9

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
801.60	Assoc Br Ports	428	+7	...	2.5	...
3,886.20	BAA	765	+4	14.5	2.4	13.5
2,743.90	Br Airways	296†	-14	...	4.5	16.2
19.40	Clarkson (H)	85	-6	1.5	2.2	...
28.30	Davies Newman	23 #				
1,126.70	Eurotunnel Uts	422	-13			
12.10	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
12.40	Goode	155	...	4.5	4.4	...
27.60	IoM Steam	184	+4	...	5.4	9.6
7.60	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
12.40	Lon O'Seas Frts	82	-3	...	1.6	∞
84.00	Manchstr Sh	2100				
206.10	Mersey Docks	343	+13	4.5	0.3	11.5
75.60	Mall Express	300	-2	7.5	2.7	22.0
1,420.70	NFC	258	+1	6.5	4.4	14.3
432.20	Ocean Group	281	+1	14.3	3.2	19.6
23.80	Ocean Wilson	60	+2	...	6.4	
3,450.20	P & O Dfd	615	+21	4.0	8.7	10.4
100.00	P & O 5½%	150†	+3	...	6.2	33.4
356.90	Powell Duffryn	544	-4	22.6	4.6	...
13.40	Seacon▲	138	-1	...	5.4	∞
70.00	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.6	6.7
279.80	TNT	49½	-1	...	4.2	10.1
319.70	Tibbet & Britn	735	-20	11.8	2.0	28.2
349.50	Tiphook	348	+5	17.3	6.8	6.3
349.90	TDG	239	+2	9.5	5.0	∞

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,376.40	Anglian Water	465	-18	19.3	5.2	8.4
389.00	Northumbrian	508	-21	20.5	4.4	6.0
1,694.80	North West	472	-11	...	5.8	8.2
1,727.90	Severn Trent	484	-5	19.3	5.0	7.1
830.40	Sthrn Water	493	-8	19.5	4.9	8.7
71.30	Sth Staffs	1320				
607.00	South West	486	-20	47.0	4.6	∞
1,022.70	Thames Water	493	-11½	...	6.3	7.3
832.30	Welsh Water	556	-11	...	5.5	9.0
701.90	Wessex Water	502	-7	21.4	4.8	6.4
1,003.60	Yorkshire W	505	-17	...	4.3	7.7

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; ‡ Ex dividend; § Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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BA is pressed to accept Chataway deal with Virgin

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

☐ A compromise peace brokered by the Civil Aviation Authority should be agreed shortly to avoid more lawsuits over the Virgin "dirty tricks" affair

BRITISH Airways is under pressure to agree this week to a compromise peace accord brokered by the Civil Aviation Authority to end the "dirty tricks" dogfight between BA and Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways.

The intervention as "honest broker" by Christopher Chataway, the CAA chairman, revealed at the weekend, is welcome to BA, even though no settlement has been reached.

Signs that the damaging clash with Virgin may soon be over should improve market perceptions of the £441.8 million rights issue that BA is making to help to restore its financial position after major acquisitions in Australia and America. Applications for the rights issue must be in by 3pm on Friday.

In the prospectus for the rights issue, BA gave a brief account of the dispute with Virgin, noting that Virgin had begun legal proceedings against it and that further proceedings might be brought.

Worried that the international standing and reputation of British aviation as a whole was being damaged by the row, Mr Chataway has organised a series of telephone negotiations between Sir Colin Marshall, the BA chairman, and Mr Branson. He has also met both men individually and prepared a series of proposals which it is hoped will be acceptable to both.

So far, no formal agreement has been reached, but hopes are rising that BA has rethought conditions that it attached to an earlier draft deal and that Mr Branson, in turn, will drop his High Court action and withdraw a threat of legal action in America.

Part of the deal will include a cash settlement paid by BA to Virgin. The exact amount has yet to be decided, although BA is thought to be prepared to pay £9 million. Both sides are much closer to agreement now than they were before talks completely broke down more than a month ago.

The £9 million figure is the same as the amount agreed in the previous attempt at a deal, which foundered when Virgin refused to accept a BA demand for a gagging clause to prevent Virgin mentioning the "dirty tricks" affair in future.

Under the deal pressed by Mr Chataway, it is understood that Mr Branson would give a "gentleman's agreement" not to exploit the affair, unless Virgin was obliged to defend itself against "dirty tricks" again.

A settlement would give Virgin a useful financial lift at a time when its faces a small loss. However, it stands to win much larger sums if its legal actions against BA are successful.

British Airways is also anxious to resolve the dispute partly because of a collapse in staff morale, which has been largely responsible for the last week's aborted strike and continuing threats of industrial action.

Mr Branson successfully sued BA for libel last year after it suggested that he had invented claims that BA had mounted an unacceptable campaign against his airline, poaching passengers and spreading slurs on Virgin's financial stability.

SPD accuses Bonn over Treuhand

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) has accused the Bonn government of totally inadequate supervision of Treuhand, the east German privatisation agency, and threatened to set up a formal parliamentary enqiry into its activities.

The threat from Peter Struck, SPD business manager in the Bundestag, and Hinrich Kuessner, SPD Treuhand working group spokesman, comes amid concern among German politicians that the finance ministry is neglecting its supervisory role by failing to intervene, even when the law has been broken.

The German press has attacked the Treuhand on many privatisations, alleging Treuhand officials and clients have engaged in a range of highly dubious practices during the rapid, wholesale privatisation of east Germany. The SPD says the Bundestag's cross-party Treuhand committee has been unable to influence government policy on the agency and says Theo Waigel, finance minister, is playing an "irresponsible game" with east Germany's industrial future.

Herr Struck said the finance ministry in Bonn, despite being the main overseer of the Treuhand, formed no picture of its own about the agency's activities, relying instead on Treuhand documents, often "favourably coloured".

☐ Siemens, Asea Brown Boveri and AEG, makers of Germany's ICE high speed train, want to buy Deutsche Waggonbau, the east German rolling stock firm, to stop Alcatel Alsthom, maker of France's TGV train, buying it, says *Der Spiegel*, the German magazine.

MICHAEL POWELL

Design duo: Harry Morgan, Fine Decor's head, and Mary Quant view products

Quant has designs on market

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

MARY Quant, the designer who sprang to international fame in the Sixties, hopes to return to the stock market at one remove next week via Fine Decor, the wallcoverings manufacturer, which has international rights over her designs.

Fine Decor, which aims its products at the international mass market, is looking to raise about £10 million of new equity, giving the group a market capitalisation of more than £25 million. A price for the placing, sponsored by Samuel Montagu, will be fixed on Wednesday.

Harry Morgan, group chief executive, hopes to stimulate continued demand, both at home and overseas, by introducing a variety of new products and designs. Mr Morgan, along with two other directors, Alan Ross-Jones and Derek Reeder, and Mark Bates, the incoming finance director, led a management buyout of the company from Boots in 1989. Since then, the management team has expanded Fine Decor's customer base in Britain and overseas, with exports to over 30 countries now accounting for about 40 per cent of group sales.

In the year to end-January, Fine Decor made pre-tax profits of £2.1 million on sales of £33.2 million. For the six months to end-July, profits will be forecast to rise by two-fifths to about £1.2 million.

About half of flotation proceeds will be used to repay MBO debt, with the rest invested in group development.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Talks on Equatorial's loan book break down

TALKS between Meghraj Bank, the private banking arm of the Meghra group, and the administrators of Equatorial Bank, the collapsed Asian retail bank, about a plan to help wind down Equatorial's loan book, have broken down. Anant Shah, chairman of Meghraj Bank, said that the bank "could not make much progress with the administrators".

Last month, after talks with Gareth Hughes, of Ernst & Young, the joint administrator for Equatorial, and after investigation of the collapsed bank's loan book by the accountant Coopers & Lybrand, Meghraj ruled out acquisition of Equatorial's loan book. Instead, it proposed to manage the £50 million loan book on behalf of the administrator for a fee of about 15 per cent of amounts realised. Meghraj believed that, as an Asian bank, it was better placed than the administrators to recover loans on behalf of Equatorial's depositors. Mr Shah said that Meghraj had decided against acquiring the loan book because it has spent the past three years pulling out of retail banking, and Equitorial's loan book was almost entirely retail banking customers. Equatorial, which served 3,000 Asian small-business customers, went into administration in March.

Action on India scandal

THE Reserve Bank of India said it would impose penalties on banks involved in the country's biggest securities scandal, over unauthorised stock market dealings through banks, and may announce action next month. The RBI has asked for explanations from five foreign banks: the Bombay branches of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp, Citibank, Bank of America, Standard Chartered Bank and ANZ Grindlays Bank Plc.

Bank cash missing

BANK of Bahrain and Kuwait said around 675,000 dinars (£1.2 million) in cash had disappeared from its head office vault during a three-day official holiday last week. Directors held an emergency meeting on Saturday to hear details. The bank said it would co-operate with the interior ministry and Bahrain Monetary Agency to investigate the loss and uncover persons responsible for it. "The bank enjoys a strong financial position which will not be affected by this incident," it added.

Credit expected to slow

CITY forecasters expect new credit in April, to be reported officially this morning, to be lower than the £232 million in March, with estimates ranging from £40 million to £150 million, underlining the view that economic recovery will be uneven. A different picture is painted by Infolink, the credit information service, which suggests a steady rise in consumer confidence, with enquiries in all main consumer credit sectors higher this April than a year ago.

Power Corp deal

POWER Corporation, the Irish property company whose Trocadero complex at Piccadilly Circus went into receivership in January, is to sell its San Francisco Shopping Centre in a deal aimed at cutting borrowings. Lazard Frères is paying $90 million for the 670,000 sq ft centre, which will repay an $87 million loan to Power secured on the building. Power will keep an option to buy it back for a premium of $8-10 million on the sale price between 1995 and 1997.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

BAA tipped to report strong recovery in full-year profit

STRONG traffic growth and improved passenger spending should help **BAA**, the airports operator headed by Sir John Egan, to report a solid advance in full year profits today.

Peter Bergius at Kleinwort Benson expects final pre-tax profits to recover to £270 million (£192 million). Kleinwort's figures include property provisions of £21 million, against £15 million last time. Market profit forecasts range from £270 million to £300 million. Earnings are expected to climb to 40p (30.6p) a share, with a dividend of 16p (14.5p) predicted.

Traffic growth has been strong, helped by more capacity coming on stream last year and huge discounting by the airlines to ensure it is filled. BAA forecasts traffic growth of 3 per cent for the current year, but analysts will be keeping a close eye on this, with some hoping BAA may upgrade its forecast. BAA should also reap some benefits from the devaluation of sterling, which has made it cheaper and more attractive for overseas visitors to UK airports.

TODAY

Analysts expect lower operating costs to help PowerGen generate full year pre-tax profits of between £390 million and £415 million, compared with £359 million last time. A dividend of about 10.5p (9.25p) is predicted.

Interims: Aberdeen Trust, Johnson & Firth Brown, Manakin Holdings, Neotronics Technology.
Finals: Acal, BAA, Critchley Group, Cullen's Holdings, EFM Income Trust, Emap, Henderson Admin Group, Hicking Pentecost, Leigh Interests, PowerGen.
Economic statistics: Credit business (April), cyclical indicators for the UK economy (April — second estimate).

TOMORROW

Vodafone Group, the mobile telephone company, where Gerald Whent is chief executive, is expected to turn in full year pre-tax profits ahead to £315 million (£271.8 million), according to Credit Lyonnais Laing. Market forecasts range from £315 million to £325 million. A total dividend of 7p (5.8p) is expected Growing interest in mobile phones after offers last year for less frequent users and a fall in the number of subscribers disconnecting from the system are helping push up subscriber numbers, boosting performance. But there is uncertainty and some analysts are cautious before the imminent debut of Mercury One-2-One, Cable and Wireless's new digital mobile service.

Full-year profits at **Unigate**, the food and distribution group, are likely to be relatively flat, due to tough trading affecting most of its food division. Tim Potter at Smith New Court has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £90 million (£92.2 million). Market forecasts range from £90 million to £94 million. An unchanged total dividend of 15.3p is predicted. But attention on Unigate and Northern Foods, reporting on Wednesday, will focus on recent market fears about a possible milk price war and increased competition from food retailers. Analysts said Unigate's new management team, under Ross Buckland, chief executive, is gradually reshaping the group to focus on milk, dairy products, fresh food and distribution, but it still faces tough challenges as current UK milk marketing arrangements are due to be changed radically in the next few years.

UBS expects **Anglian Water** to recommend a 9.3 per cent increase in its total dividend to 21.1p (19.3p). UBS has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £185 million (£171.3 million). Market forecasts range from £185 million to £187 million.

Interims: Burndene Investments, J A Devenish, Eurocopy, Murray Johnstone. **Finals:** Allied Colloids, Andrew Sykes, Anglian Water, BSS Group, CML Microsystems, Deelkraal Gold Mining, Doornfontein Gold Mining, Driefontein Consolidated, Great Portland Estates, GWR Group, Kloof Gold Mining, Marshalls, Marston Thompson & Evershed, National Grid Company, Seton Healthcare Group, Unigate, Vodafone.

WEDNESDAY

Smith New Court expects acquisitions to help **Northern Foods**, the Eden Vale, Express Dairy and convenience foods group, report an advance in final pre-tax profits of £152 million (£126 million). Market forecasts range from £150 million to £156 million. Smith expects earnings to advance 3 per cent to 19.7p a share, with a 7 per cent increase in the dividend to 8.4p predicted. The interest charge could rise to £23 million (£8 million).

NatWest Securities expects **Racal Electronics**, which spun off Chubb Security in last October's demerger, to report a recovery in final pre-tax profits to £50 million (£16.1 million). Forecasts range from £50 million to £53 million.

Interims: Blick, Daily Mail & General Trust, Greencore, Lookers, McLeod Russel Holdings, Perstorp AB (Q), Sanderson Electronics.
Finals: Airsprung Furniture, Anglo United, Brazilian Inv Trust, Caffyns, Cape, Electrocomponents, Hambros, CE Heath, Johnson Matthey, Lep Group, Lyons Irish Holdings, Mansfield Brewery, Meyer International, M&G Second Dual Trust, Northern Foods, Racal Electronics.
Economic statistics: Housing starts and completions (April).

THURSDAY

Sir Antony Pilkington, chairman of **Pilkington**, the glass group, is set to report a gloomy set of full-year figures, confirming the depressed conditions gripping the glass market, with demand from both the construction and motor industries remaining depressed. Mark Hake at Nikko Europe expects final pre-tax profits to drop to £38.5 million (£77 million). Market forecasts range from £30 million to £40 million. Mr Hake expects the total dividend to be reduced to 4p (6p).

Cost cutting should help full year profits at **Chubb Security** to advance to £62 million (£39.1 million), according to Keith Sykes at Credit Lyonnais Laing. Market forecasts range from £60 million to £63 million. A total dividend of 4.2p (2.8p) is predicted.

ACT Group, the Birmingham-based computing services company, should turn in a relatively strong full year performance, with final pre-tax profits expected to climb to £20.5 million (£17 million), according to James Warhurst at Henry Cooke, Lumsden. Market forecasts range from £20 million to £21.5 million. A total dividend of 5.25p (4.5p) is predicted.

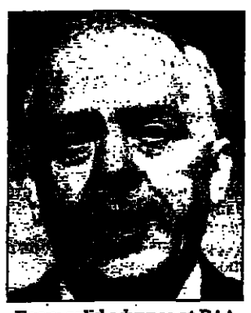
Mr Warhurst thinks strong financial services markets will have provided a satisfactory second half and expects the cash-rich ACT to present a relatively confident outlook for the current year.

Interims: Eldridge Pope & Co, Gold Fields Coal, RCO Holdings, Watson & Philip.
Finals: ACT Group, Alphameric, Blacks Leisure Group, Christian Salvesen, Chubb Security, Control Techniques, James Cropper, Dares Estates, Dart Group, Drummond Group, Moorgate Smaller Companies, Oxford Instruments, Pilkington, Powerscreen International, Scapa Group, Scottish Hydro-Electric, Martin Shelton Group, 600 Group, Staveley Industries, Welpac.
Economic statistics: Details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators, regional trends 28 — 1993.

FRIDAY

Interims: Alvis, First Philippine Inv, Gold Fields Coal.
Finals: A F Bulgin & Co, A Cohen & Co, High Gosforth Park, Osborne & Little, Somic, Ticketing Group, VTech Holdings, Wintrust.
Economic statistics: Trade figures (Q1, including EC trade), usable steel production (May), construction output (Q1), capital issues and redemptions (May).

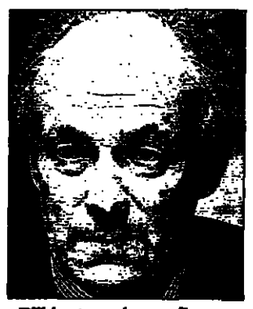
PHILIP PANGALOS



Egan: solid advance at BAA

Whent: Vodafone plus

Buckland: reshaping Unigate



Pilkington: gloomy figures

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 40

TAMELETJIE
(a) A hard toffee, sometimes containing pine nuts, perhaps from the Afrikaans *tabletje* small cake of chocolate, sugar, etc.: "For the children there would always be tameletjies, the sweets made of sugar, water, eggs, naartjie peel and dennebol pits — sweets that were typical of an earlier Cape Town, but which are not made so often now."

PEDOCAL
(b) A soil that contains a layer of accumulated calcium carbonate (generally characteristic of dry climates), from the Greek *pedon* ground + *calcium*: "It has been generally accepted that the climate of Great Britain is too wet for pedocals to develop."

BULLI
(a) The name of *Bulli*, a town of Sydney, New South Wales, used (chiefly attributively) to designate a type of soil used especially for cricket pitches: Conan Doyle, *Maracot Deep*: "The perfect Bulli-earth wicket so far as England could supply that commodity, reminded our visitors of their native conditions."

KAFFEEKLATSCH
(a) Gossip over coffee cups, a coffee party, from the German *kaffee* coffee + *klatsch* chit-chat: "They're a darn sight better than the wads of respectability I see waddlin' in here to swap kaffeeklatsches with you."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
Black plays the ingenious 1 ... Qxc5! and now white must defend his rook on a3 with his queen, e.g. with 2 Qe3 but then 2 ... Qf5+ and mates next move.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5235 (-0.0400)
German mark
2.4704 (-0.0106)
Exchange index
79.4 (-1.0)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2213.2 (+8.1)
FT-SE 100
2829.9 (-10.8)
New York Dow Jones
3545.14 (+17.71)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20882.24 (+38.55)

DC Gardner sells training arm

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

DC GARDNER, the consultancy and training company, is to sell its training division to Euromoney Publications for £3.8 million, write off £1.8 million of inter-company debts, and terminate its lease on 5 Harbour Exchange Square, in London Docklands, at a cost of £5 million.

One of the conditions of the sale is that the company changes its name, as Euromoney will have rights to the DC Gardner name. The company proposes to call itself Coutts Consulting Group, to reflect its main activities. The training division contributed £306,000 to the group's £1.77 million operating profits in the year to end-December.

When the company took on the Harbour Exchange lease in 1989 it believed the Docklands location would benefit the training division and provide a suitable head office.

But Mr Johnson said: "In an ideal world we would not have taken the lease." The company said yesterday that the lease, which cost £1.2 million last year, has become a burden after rationalisation of activities.

The £5 million to be paid to London & Metropolitan to terminate the lease will be financed by the proceeds of the sale of the training division and new loan facilities from National Westminster Bank. The company will increase its borrowings by £2 million.

The surrender of the lease will leave its profit and loss account in deficit, which would prevent the company paying dividends, so it will seek the approval of shareholders and the Court early next month to reduce its share premium account.

The share premium account was valued at £8.348 million in the accounts to end-December. The company will request a reduction of "several million pounds", said Stephen Johnson, chief executive, as a result of the difference between the cost of extinguishing the lease and the amounts raised from the sale of the training company, the write-off of £1.8 million debt and the decision to end other leases early.

The company is £480,000 in arrears in respect of its convertible preference shares. It said it plans to resume payment of dividends "at the first available opportunity" after payment of the convertible preference shares. But a dividend on ordinary shares is unlikely this year.

IN THE MATTER OF HOSPITAL CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 1st June 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £16,359,745 to £13,026,032.30p.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 16th June 1993.

ANY Creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 7th day of June 1993.

GOULDENS
22 Tudor Street
London EC4Y 0JJ

Solicitors for the above-named Company.

Ready to work even harder but not to be pushed around

Philip Bassett says a survey of workers shows a big degree of commitment to caring employers but a readiness to react to unfairness

The changing shape of Britain's workforce has been well mapped. Three million are unemployed and millions will remain unwillingly out of work for years. More women and fewer men are in work. There are long-term trends for more white-collar and fewer manual employees; more part-timers, fewer in full-time work; more in the service sector, fewer in manufacturing.

Far less clear has been the character of Britain's much-changed workforce. Are employees fully flexible, well-trained and highly motivated, as government and CBI like to think — or uncommitted, stressed and cowed?

Today the first findings of a large-scale survey of British employment are published*, filling some of the gaps. Backed by a unique combination of government departments, research institutes, training and enterprise councils and a wide range of companies, the study shows the subtleties of British employment.

Alistair Graham, chief executive of Calderdale and Kirklees TEC, who will chair a conference on the survey's findings in London tomorrow, suggests: "It seems a workforce finely poised, who, one suspects, will not take a great deal more unreasonable pressure without responding, but who would react well to efforts to get their genuine commitment."

The study, carried out in the five months to last September, is particularly unusual in that it questioned employees, rather than the more normal survey base of employers, measuring a statistically significant national random sample of 3,800 people at work. Among the main findings of the study are:

□ **Motivation.** Not surprisingly, most people work for the money, to pay the mortgage and buy the food. Significantly, given the impact of unemployment among men and a greater pressure on women to provide family income, the proportion of women citing financial reasons for employment has risen from 37 per cent ten years ago to 53 per cent in 1992. Their worries about money have also risen.

In spite of that, good pay was still cited as almost the least important characteristic in a job. More social factors, led by liking the work, are regarded as more important.

Half of all employees still claim they go out to work because they enjoy it, though almost as many felt they had very little choice about the type of job they could get when they were looking for work. With the return of mass unemployment, job security has markedly increased as an important job factor. Over half the sample said job security had become much more important than it was five years ago.

□ **Commitment.** Oddly enough, if all financial and security pressures were removed, people still want to work. Two thirds said they would prefer to have a job, even if it was not necessary financially for them to do so. This does not inevitably translate into commitment to their particular employer. Many employees agree with the "values" of their employer, and more than three out of four say they are proud to work for their organisations, yet the true level of commitment may be lower. Only 29 per cent would turn down a job with more pay to stay with their current employer.

□ Stress. Along with an increased emphasis on job security and with limited commitment to their particular employers, comes a striking increase in stress. Almost one third reported a high degree of stress, and more than half said the stress involved in their work had increased over the past five years. The sharp increase in competitive pressures felt by most organisations has meant more effort and harder work for most employees. That has led in turn to much greater stress — 72 per cent of those in jobs where effort had increased also felt higher levels of stress. At the same time, stress has also been pushed up by higher levels of responsibility and skils required at work. For policy the survey's most far-reaching findings are probably on technology, skills and training. Judith Evans, J Sainsbury's personnel director, says the themes of the study in this area "reflect our experience — the great demand for new skills and for training." Sainsbury's invests £30 million annually in training, and she says: "The rate of change in our stores is increasing demand for skills right across the board." Like many supermarket groups, Sainsbury has invested heavily in price-reading computer equipment at checkouts, and the survey shows that computer-based technology now dominates people's working lives. About 56 per cent of employees use computers or automated technology in their own jobs, up from fewer than 40 per cent as recently as the mid-1980s. Within the past two years, 37 per cent of employees have been personally affected by the introduction of such technology.

British Airways' problems with cabin crew, ground staff and pilots shows resentment can boil over

This rapid technological change — clear evidence of the final arrival of the computer revolution — has sharply increased the skill level required at work. Jobs needing no or few qualifications have declined, those needing more have increased — more for women than for men.

Vital training for the workplace of tomorrow: computers or automated technology are now used by 56 per cent of workers

Three fifths of employees now feel that the level of skill used in their job has risen since 1986, pushing up effort, and leading in many cases to constant demand for skill improvements. That has led in turn to a sharp increase in the importance of training.

The government has placed great emphasis on training as a cornerstone of its employment policies. It seems to be paying off. Good training provision is thought to essential in a job by 27 per cent of employees, exceeded only by such elements as job security and work people like doing — significantly, not by pay. Five years ago, a government survey found that only a third of employed people had received any training. Today's survey responses show 54 per cent reporting they had received training over the previous three years. Many more have also paid for their own training.

Mike Judge, director of personnel at Peugeot Talbot, says: "The attraction of training seems to be strongly growing. People realise that because employment in the future will be different to how it has been in the past, with full-time work for one employer, there is a greater desire by people to train."

Peugeot has taken several unusual training initiatives. Up to 1,300 of its 5,000-strong workforce now take advantage of a company scheme which provides them with £250 worth of non-vocational training — primarily offered to get them into a frame of mind where training is not odd or suspicious, but normal. They can do anything: some choose car maintenance, lerning to drive or even to improve their golf — though a significant number opt for work-related training.

"What's important is that they do it," says Mr Judge. "It prepares people for training, and gets them involved. Once you involve people, it is a short step to improving commitment, and all of us want to see greater employee commitment because that means greater efficiency and greater output."

John Major gave notice at the weekend that government spending on training, primarily directed at the unemployed, rather than those in work, will be one of the areas under close scrutiny in the current review of public spending. So the burden of national training is likely to fall still further on companies such as Peugeot and on the individuals themselves.

Such clawbacks may increase the resentment at work — about lack of involvement in company decisions, about lack of job choice, about increased effort required — which today's survey clearly shows.

As the economy comes out of recession, there will be problems between continuing management demands and a workforce whose commitment is far from total. British Airways' current difficulties with its cabin crew and ground staff, and now its pilots, shows how such resentment can boil over.

Armed with the employment findings of this survey and their own experience of the recession, prudent and successful employers and trainers are still likely to put great store into winning the commitment of a workforce that wants to learn, wants to improve — but is still cautious and still guarded.

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Counter intelligence

A MONTH ago, a resurgence of the lacklustre stores sector seemed imminent, as statistics showed retail sales steadily rising. Yet, in spite of respectable results from big players such as Kingfisher, Sainsbury and Marks and Spencer, the sector has failed to spring back to life.

Part of the problem lies with the most recent retail statistics, which brought the upward trend to an abrupt halt with a 0.3 per cent fall in sales. However, the market is not taking into account the message coming from the major retailers themselves, which contradicts the government's statistics and points to real year-on-year growth.

The market is also misinterpreting other facts. It believes that a weak recovery, which will limit the growth of consumers' disposable income, will hold back retail sales. This does not acknowledge other important factors, such as the high savings ratio, which will drive consumers' willingness to spend. Shoppers may not want to go on eighties-style spending binges, but there is still ample scope for a reasonable increase in demand.

While the City has been preoccupied with the impact of the high cost of imports as a result of sterling's devaluation, it has been less interested in the marked slowdown in other costs, such as occupancy and wages. According to Smith New Court, rent inflation is now about 5 per cent compared with more than 20 per cent in the late eighties. Moreover, import costs have not risen to the degree most pessimists expected.

Although currently unpopular, the sector should be able to generate above-average earnings and dividend growth.

Pilkington

IN contrast to the retail sector, awful profits seem no deterrent to a recovery in cyclical stocks such as Pilkington. You can see why. With the economy turning, far-sighted investors look back to see what can be achieved, rather than what is happening in the trough.

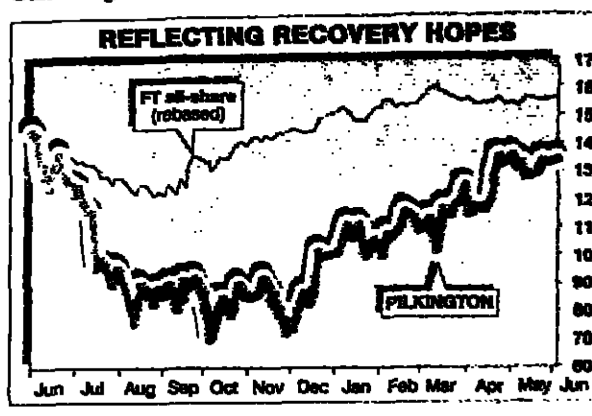
At 134p, Pilkington shares sell at only five times peak earnings. Sadly, those were achieved back in 1988-9, when the glass group made pre-tax profits of £325 million rather than the £40 million or less expected to be reported on Friday for the year to end-March.

Operational gearing in float glass is among the most powerful in any industry and costs have been slashed, but full recovery still looks a long way away. As business looks up in America and Britain, helped by improved car sales and, symbolically, by the Bishopsgate bomb, the group's continental German powerhouse is moving in the opposite direction.

Pilkington is, meanwhile, planning long term for its single market future in Italy and demonstrating its technical primacy with its new Galaxsee glass, now winning orders from American carmakers. At home, the group has consolidated its distribution and is being helped by devaluation, both to fend off imports and to enjoy some rebound in important markets.

Hostile institutional holders may not look so far ahead and might be sorely tempted by a 200p-plus takeover bid in, say, 15 months' time.

REFLECTING RECOVERY HOPES



Motor sector

THE motor sector has enjoyed a comfortable ride this year, with share prices outperforming the all-share index by 10 per cent.

Friday's announcement of an 11.9 per cent rise in new car sales in May can only fuel optimism further. The trend for the first five months also showed a rise of 8.9 per cent.

Investors preparing to dive into the sector still need to be choosey. The two parts of the sector — dealers and component manufacturers — are on sharply divergent paths.

For dealers, such as Lex, Cowie and BSG, who have a prime interest in UK sales, prospects are indeed good. Many of these companies are highly geared towards recovery, having taken large chunks of cost out of the business during recession. Therefore, a large proportion of any pick-up in sales will filter straight down to the bottom line. Furthermore, because many of them now run dual franchises, selling for more than one manufacturer, site utilisation will improve.

Life will be more difficult for component manufacturers, who source a third of sales from continental Europe. With a number of these economies now struggling, European car sales are forecast to fall by 15 per cent this year, outweighing the devaluation advantage in the short term. Component companies, battling to gain share in a declining market, may find it hard to justify their steep prospective p/e ratings.

Takeovers

THE steady stream of companies that have tapped the market for money this year invariably justify the request by claiming that the proceeds are essential to take advantage of "opportunites" in their markets. However, the corporate finance teams in the City who were hoping that this would mean a resumption of takeover mania — and large profits for them — have been sorely disappointed.

Despite the billion pound flood of rights issues, there has been less than £700 million of acquisitions of quoted companies so far this year. This compares with £4.2 billion in 1992, which itself was considered an unusually quiet year.

Logic suggests that the best time in the economic cycle to make an acquisition is at the end of recession when profits are low, and purchase prices therefore cheaper, but an upturn is not far away. In practice, takeover activity lags the cycle. The peak years were 1988 and 1989, which together saw more than £37 billion of acquisitions.

Even as the economy climbs out of this recession, many strategists doubt that there will be a marked pick-up in takeovers. In the late eighties, 80 per cent of acquisitions were funded by cash, compared with less than 50 per cent currently. Institutions prefer the liquidity of receiving cash for stock.

Moreover, the banks, many of whom funded leveraged buyouts in the eighties, such as the purchase of Gateway by Isosceles, do not have the resources — or, indeed, the inclination — to back similar ventures.

Those corporate finance departments will have to find something else to keep their calculators busy.

Clarke must peg rates to build credibility

The change of Chancellor has led to a lively debate on whether a base rate cut is now more likely and, if one were to happen, what its implications would be for the gilts market. The impact of any rate cut would depend mostly on whether it was seen to be driven by politics or economics. A politically motivated cut would precipitate an adverse reaction in all but the very short end of the market, and would undermine longer dated gilts by jeopardising the long-term low inflation objective.

This government has no credible long-term anti-inflation policy. The anchor provided by ERM and eventual EMU has been jettisoned. Policy is now entirely discretionary and confidence in the achievement of the stated low inflation objective (that is, the lower part of the 1 to 4 per cent target range) depends on whether one is prepared to believe in the triumph of hope over experience. As long as the recession seemed firmly entrenched, the gilts market was reassured that this long-term policy vacuum was immaterial, since there seemed no way in which sustained inflation pressures could revive.

However, starting in late March, the widespread evidence of recovery started to sap confidence that the favourable immediate inflation outlook could be extrapolated with any certainty.

Kenneth Clarke brings no miracle cure for the long-term policy credibility problem. Unlike Norman Lamont, he does not even have a record of tough rhetoric on the absolute priority of low inflation. Without a far more rigorous constraint on government actions (such as an independent central bank with an obligation to achieve low inflation, or the early and credible announcement of lower public expenditure) a policy easing will be unsettling for gilts, unless the outlook for the real economy is clearly deteriorating or sterling is very strong. Currently, neither of these conditions is being satisfied. The economic data released in May have been mixed. Retail sales and manufacturing production both declined and, more importantly, the narrow money aggregate, M0, fell by 1.1 per cent. The 12-month increase slowed from 4.8 per cent in April to 3.3 per cent in May. However, this is still in the upper half of the official 0-4 per cent monitoring range. Furthermore, it is only the notes and coin element of M0 which is relevant, since one is looking at the implications for cash-based transactions. This element also fell in May but only by 0.4 per cent, and 12-month growth slowed only from 4.6 per cent to 4 per cent. The relationship to retail sales is too imprecise to infer that retail sales fell in May, but it suggests that performance was probably lacklustre. However, since retail sales volume in the latest three months was 3 per cent up on a year earlier (and manufacturing output up 2 per cent), the odd disappointing month is not sufficient to signal that the recovery is running out of steam. Nor can three consecutive monthly falls in unemployment be ignored, especially when manufacturing employment is also rising.

A rate cut this month would therefore lack economic justification. It would be more of a political statement to a sceptical market. Gilts might move up initially but quite quickly the longer end is likely to have second thoughts. An accumulation of negative indicators is necessary to provide the backdrop to a credible easing, which means July at the earliest. Sterling's behaviour is an important consideration and "too high" a level would be a mitigating factor but the reaction of the currency since Mr Clarke's move suggests the need for caution.

Keeping rates where they are, at least over the next month or so, would also be politically sound (the high proportion of pensioners in Christchurch does not suggest that cutting rates is a vote winner). Economically, it would be a valuable start to the credibility-building process. All but the very short end of the yield curve would benefit from such a cautious approach. An unjustified rate cut will not benefit the long end of the market in anything other than the very short term.

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
	SHORTS (under 5 years)				
1,100	Treas 12¼% 1993	100	-	12.40	5.60
600	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.71
1,065	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	-	13.26	5.50
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	101	+	8.35	5.60
550	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.64	5.50
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	106	+	12.64	5.48
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	+	9.60	5.63
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	107	+	11.60	5.74
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	104	+	8.64	5.91
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	109	+	11.00	6.09
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.52
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	+	9.51	6.27
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.17	6.40
770	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.92	6.67
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	+	12.50	6.80
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	+	11.34	6.80
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	109	+	9.13	6.63
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	+	11.10	6.80
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	111	+	9.45	7.04
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	+	8.25	7.04
830	Exch 15% 1997	128	+	11.70	7.36
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.90	7.26
2,750	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.20	7.07
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	+	6.84	7.05
	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
995	Treas 15½% 1998	134	+	11.55	7.55
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	119	+	10.08	7.64
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	109	+	8.71	7.49
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	+	10.15	7.74
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	113	+	9.24	7.60
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	+	9.08	7.66
4,758	Conv 9% 2000	107	+	8.41	7.63
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	126	+	10.28	8.03
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	111	+	8.97	7.99
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	+	11.14	7.67
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.83	8.12
4,150	Treas 8% 2003	99 xd	+	8.02	8.00
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	+	9.72	8.26
493	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	4.96	7.46
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	108	+	8.76	8.53
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	106	+	8.75	8.35
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.86	8.56
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	+	8.21	8.35
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.72	8.52
2,997	Treas 8½% 2007	100	+	8.42	8.39
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+	10.06	8.57
	LONGS (over 15 years)				
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.57	8.41
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.33	8.46
2,023	Conv 9% 2011	104	+	8.63	8.52
4,050	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.63	8.53
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.48	8.25
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	+	8.40	8.53
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	130 †	+	9.20	8.77
5,500	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+	8.60	8.57
	UNDATED				
359	Consols 4%	46	+	8.63	...
1,909	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.62	...
122	Conv 3½%	62	+1	5.59	...
276	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.13	...
475	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.58	...
	INDEX-LINKED				
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	1.34
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	150	+	2.05	2.83
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+	2.42	3.01
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	2.93	3.27
950	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	3.03	3.32
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	-	3.15	3.43
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	...	3.15	3.37
1,400	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	-	3.31	3.51
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	+	3.38	3.55
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.43	3.59
2,050	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.49	3.65
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-	3.54	3.68
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-	3.55	3.68

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Golden daze

THERE have been better things to do in the recession than mope. The boss of the Redrow Group, one of Britain's larger privately owned building companies, has just laid down his pen after completing a 95,000-word travel book. Steve Morgan, 40, has been getting up at 5.30am daily to put in a couple of hours' work on the 23-chapter tome about his family's six-month world tour before clocking in at Redrow. It all began when Morgan woke up bored with the recession one morning in 1990 and decided to tour the world on a gold card along with his wife, Pam, and their two children. Their travels took in 22 countries, and his book describing their adventures could make him the Michael Palin of the building world. Let's hope the story is better than his provisional title: *To hell with the recession, let's take the kids round the world.* "Writing this book was harder work than running a building company," says a relieved Morgan.

Oil painting

UNLIKE Barclays Bank, which will choose artists from its annual Young Artists Awards to hang in its new Lombard Street headquarters, BP prefers to keep it in the family when selecting art for its boardroom. BP's annual Portrait Award winners went on show at the National Portrait Gallery on Friday, but BP chairman Lord Ashburton has chosen the work of his brother Robin Baring to hang in the boardroom. Baring's pieces hang alongside a landscape by Edward Burra, and a couple of Sidney Nolans are due to arrive soon. "We can't afford to buy much art for the office as we're cutting back on everything that is discretionary expenditure," says Ashburton. The winner of the BP awards does not sound like usual boardroom material. It is a full frontal nude self portrait of 28-year-old artist Philip Harris and his girlfriend Louise, called *Two Figures Lying in a Shallow Stream.*

Chester in time

WH SMITH has finally managed to open its accident-prone £5.4 million store in Chester, eight weeks ahead of its latest schedule. The Forgate Street development began in 1989 but was halted the year after when the construction company went into administration. Once work had restarted, builders discovered that the development was on the site of the old Roman City Wall and building was halted to allow an archaeological dig, producing relics since installed in the local Grosvenor Museum. The new shop is on three floors and features a modern circular stairway and a glass lift, behind a facade restored in keeping with the rest of the street.

"Follow George Soros"

Raleigh rally

TWO of our most disparaged institutions — British Rail and the Inland Revenue — are sending some of their best staff to Siberia for three months on Friday. But they are not being sent to placate irritated customers or taxpayers. The nine BR and three IR staffers will travel on the Trans Siberia Railway to join youth development charity Raleigh International as "commercial venturers". They intend to learn teamwork and initiative skills while carrying out some ecological projects around Lake Baikal, the world's largest freshwater lake.

Presenting arms

THE Picquet, the Bank of England's overnight military guard, is the subject of a free exhibition at the Bank of England Museum from June 25. The Picquet was established by the Lord Mayor in 1780 to protect it from assault by angry mobs. It consisted of 534 soldiers who drove off attackers during the Gordon riots. The Picquet was disbanded in 1973 but present-day protesters should not think of storming the Bank: the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street has replaced the Picquet with its own security force.

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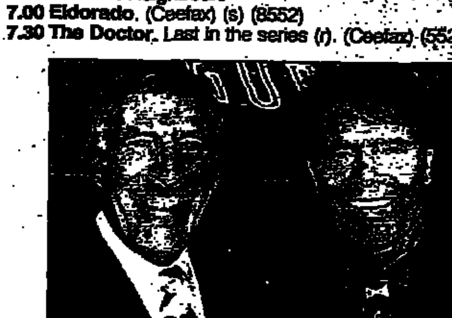
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (73939)
7.00 Breakfast News (70578113)
9.05 Summer Mornings on BBC1. Ross King previews new morning programmes (s) (7822587)
9.15 Morning Surgery. In a new series Dr Mark Porter and Lydia Thomas talk about medical matters. (s) (7739823) **9.30 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (20113)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8908533) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7214945) **10.30 Tales of Aesop.** Animated puppet fables (r) (2263571) **10.35 Cartoons** (7970129) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4510113)
10.55 Cricket: First Test. England v Australia. Live coverage of the final day of the first Cornhill Insurance Test from Old Trafford (s) (27469007). Includes at **12.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72327571)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (17200) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83345484)
1.50 Cricket: First Test. Further live coverage (s) (93758991)
3.50 Rupert (r) (7914858) **3.55 Bodger and Badger** (r) (s) (3508246) **4.10 The Adventures of Skippy.** New 1990s reworking of the classic children's adventure series about a friendly and invariably useful pet (s) (9331484) **4.30 Toxic Crusaders.** Animation (r) (s) (2062129)
4.55 Newsround (5098878) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Children from the Scottish Highlands visit the Cook islands. (Ceefax) (s) (8925533)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (350216). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (216)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (668). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (8552)
7.30 The Doctor. Last in the series (r). (Ceefax) (552)



Bruce Forsyth and Cliff Richard (8.00pm)

8.00 Bruce's Guest Night with Jimmy Tarbuck, Lisa Stansfield and Cliff Richard (Ceefax). (s) (7200)
8.30 Waiting for God. Comedy about two crusty residents of an old people's home (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3007)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8533)
9.30 Panorama: The Gene Genie. Great advances are being made in knowledge about the genes that determine our susceptibility to disease, but, as Jane Corbin reports, there could be a downside (859842)
10.10 The V Word. Series about volunteering. Gary Glitter joins a 400-strong bikers' convoy. (Ceefax) (881002). **Northern Ireland:** Ye Barbarous Mountaines
10.20 The Men's Room. Last part of the steamy 1980s drama (743842). **Northern Ireland:** 10.40 The Men's Room
11.15 Film 93 with Barry Norman reviewing *Mad Dog and Glory* and *The Vanishing* (s) (623303)
11.45 France Means Business: Hypermarketing (r) (622674). **Northern Ireland:** 11.40 Our Roving Reporter 11.45 Film 93
12.15am Cricket: First Test (s) (2404682). **Northern Ireland:** France Means Business 12.45-1.25 Cricket **12.55 Weather** (1179021). Ends at **1.00**
2.00-3.30 BBC Select: Voluntary Sector Television. (86953) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (36175)

BBC2

7.10 Open University (9872705)
8.00 Breakfast News (4617755)
8.15 Writers' Houses. David Attenborough takes some of the journeys described in Gilbert White's *A Natural History of Selborne* (r) (4607378)
8.30 Canvas. Basil Taylor considers the paintings of John Sell Cotman (1782-1842) at the Castle Museum in Norwich (r) (4025587)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from this week in 1953 (8461587)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including, for children **9.45 Storytime** (3161007) **1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird** (s) (69867129) **1.30 Spider** (s) (14175228) **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (15525769)
2.15 Victims. A film about an armed robbery that took place at a suburban betting shop in 1979. It was an event which affected several lives forever (4535910)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2258823)
3.05 Sweet Inspiration. In this new series, celebrities discuss hymns that have inspired them. Today, the gardener, Geoffrey Smith, talks to Alan Titchmarsh about the spiritual guidance he has received from hymns (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6819552)
3.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (8360939)
3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8359823)
4.00 Cricket: First Test. England v Australia. Live coverage of the closing session of the final day's play in the First Cornhill Test from Old Trafford (s) (283552)

Brian Kidd scores against Benfica (6.30pm)

6.30 Manchester Re-united: The Story of the 1968 European Cup Team. See Choice (424397)
7.20 Storm in an Egg Cup: The History of TV-am. Appropriately shown as part of BBC2's *TV Hell* last year, this is an insider's view of the rise and fall of Britain's most commercially successful television company. Raymond Snoddy reports with a little help from Loyd Grossman and Roland Rat (r) (662755)
8.00 Horizon. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (665858)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain: A is for Art Nouveau. The hyperactive Lambton finds wonderfully thrilling examples of the decadent, whirly art form so popular at the beginning of this century (r). (Ceefax) (s) (864397)
9.00 Film: A Show of Force (1990). Amy Irving, Andy Garcia and Robert Duvall star in this intricate political thriller set on the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico. Irving is a reporter investigating a bungled FBI plot and finding her own life in danger. It was the first American film by the Brazilian director, Bruno Barreto. (Ceefax) (7804)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (Ceefax) (963804)
11.15 The Late Show. (s) See Choice (499610)
11.55 Weather (746649)
12.00 Ancient Athens: Acropolis Now. A programme examining what the Acropolis must have looked like in the fifth century BC (87750). Ends at **12.30am**

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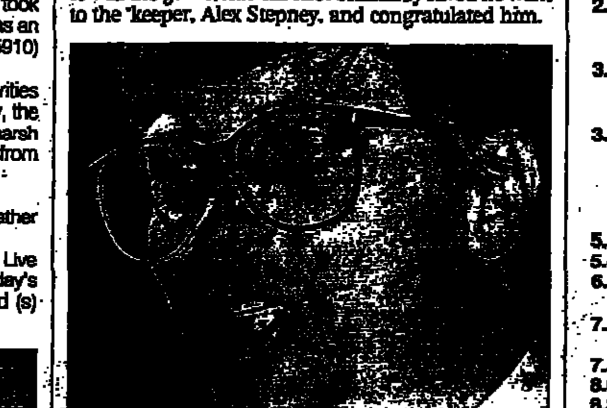
Manchester Re-United
BBC2, 6.30pm

Here is a lovely piece of sporting nostalgia, perfectly calculated to divert attention from more depressing episodes in English football. In 1968 Manchester United won the European Cup, the first English club to do so. The programme brings together the team to watch again the old black-and-white footage and offer their thoughts and memories. If many of the comments are of the "it was just another game" and "we did it for the boss" variety, then footballers tend not to be poets. But it is an effective souvenir of a great occasion and contains a reminder that football once boasted sportsmanship. When Eusebio, with a chance to win the game, had his shot brilliantly saved he went to the 'keeper, Alex Stepney, and congratulated him.



Hard sell: Bill Gates of Microsoft (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: The Electronic Frontier
BBC2, 8.00pm

A film from the United States drops in on the world's biggest computer show and invites companies to tell us about their visions for the future. Their sales talk is not always coherent but the gist of the matter is that the industry will not rest content until every one of us is computerised at home. To that end slicker and more portable equipment is being developed, small enough to go into the pocket and versatile enough to book air tickets and call up the native music of Mali. It sounds plausible enough while leaving the suspicion that the main object of the exercise is not so much to enrich our store of information as to make tycoons such as Bill Gates of Microsoft even richer.

The Late Show: Michel Foucault
BBC2, 11.15pm

Tonight's edition is devoted to the French philosopher who died from Aids in 1984. One contributor describes Foucault as "easily the most important intellectual in post war Europe". The admiration is not universal. The cultural critic Camille Paglia calls him a liar and a fraud. Beyond doubt is that Foucault led a colourful life. His interest in good and evil was not merely academic. He was the great explorer of the perverse, both in print and in person. He wrote provocatively about madness and sado-masochism and experienced them both. The mainly reverential tone of this tribute would probably amuse him.

Comics
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The concluding part of Lynda La Plante's thriller is reminiscent of one of those Hitchcock films where the innocent hero finds himself on the run from the police and the villains at the same time. After a disastrous appearance on the Michael Aspel show, stand-up comedian Johnny (Tim Guinee) takes to the road with girlfriend Nula (Michelle Fairley) and small-time crook Delroy (Lennie James). But since Johnny is a key witness to a gangland killing, the trio is not destined to enjoy a trouble-free trip. By now the promise of the series to explore the edgy world of fringe comedy has been largely forgotten.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

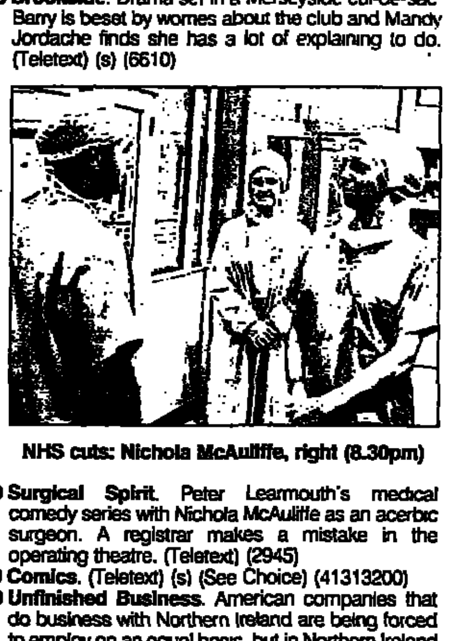
6.00 GMTV. Includes at **7.15 The 3Rs.** Carol Vorderman offers advice on teaching children reading, writing and arithmetic (1114084)
9.25 Cross Wits (8054378) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7127465)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl with an alien father (61587)
10.30 This Morning (32367552)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppet series (r) (s) (5605620)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1686668) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (33674200)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian soap. (Teletext) (651571) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial (s) (650842)
2.15 Capital Woman with Anneka Rice (s) (642823) **2.45 Families.** Domestic sagas set in the north of England and Australia (s) (2785910)
3.10 News and weather (2349129) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) (2268200) **3.20 The Young Doctors** (7355736)
3.50 Cartoon (7836026) **3.55 Bertie the Bat** (r) (7835397) **4.00 T-Bag and the Rings of Olympus.** First of a ten-part adventure (r) (7918674) **4.25 The Real Ghostbusters.** Spooky cartoon (r) (9418587) **4.50 Art Attack** (6315787)
5.10 Home and Away. (r) (Teletext) (8942200)
5.40 News and weather (897842)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (48736)
7.00 Busman's Holiday presented by Elton Welsby. (Teletext) (3620)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (620)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune with Nicky Campbell (9668)
8.30 World in Action: School for Crime. The documentary series turns its unflinching gaze on a home for more than 100 disturbed young people, including murderers and rapists (s) (4303)

Flirtation: trainee GP Jaye Griffiths (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice. Kevin Whately plays the likable country doctor, today helping a young priest and enjoying the attentions of a sexy young doctor. (Teletext) (s) (4842)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (78262) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (721910)
10.40 Singles. Third of a seven-part series looking at London's courting rituals in the 1990s. Monica, aged 46, heads for the West End of London in search of romance (s) (205281)
11.10 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. Highlights from the Indianopolis 500 and Sunday's Miller Genuine Draft 200 from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Nigel Mansell (958587)
12.10am The Beat. Featuring music from JC 001, Secret Life and Jellyfish (s) (1922868)
1.10 Sport A.M. International action (2807088)
2.10 The Twilight Zone. Classic science fiction (3787048)
2.40 60 Minutes. Topical features from America (2469427)
3.30 Videofashion. English tailoring (49796)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (20663)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news (r) (22972)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (43175)
5.30 ITN Morning News with John Draper (82205). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15am I Love Lucy (b/w) Vintage comedy with Lucille Ball. Today, Lucy likes the sound of a desert island (32200)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cat and dog cartoon (2742378)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. The guests include composer Jean Michel Jarre (16133)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (s) (95939)
9.30 Schools (363262)
12.00 Right to Reply. Viewers have their say (r) (s) (71303)
12.30pm Sesame Street. Lively early learning series (r) (44194)
1.30 Sandokan. Animation. A disguised Yanez persuades the Governor and Marianna to leave the mansion (r) (16910)
2.00 Film: Johnny Apollo (1940 b/w). Tyrone Power plays a graduate led into crime after his father is jailed for embezzlement. A fast-moving gangster picture directed by Henry Hathaway and co-starring Dorothy Lamour and Edward Arnold (785007)
3.40 Air Post (b/w). A film about the air-mail service, made in 1934 (8500033)
3.55 Garden Club (r). (Teletext) (3702129)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Knock-out quiz with William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (533)
5.00 Kingdom of the Plains: Kopjes — Island in a Sea of Grass. The granite islands or "kopjes" on the plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania provide a home for animals such as the flat bat and pancake tortoise (r). (Teletext) (1543)
6.00 Children's Ward. Hospital drama. A baby is stolen in the dead of night but there is an unusual witness (r) (246)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American comedy with Bill Cosby. Vanessa and Rudy fight continuously pushing Cliff and Clair to the limit of their patience (r) (s) (378)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (299823)
7.50 Comment. Mike Goodman argues that it is time to "Just Say No" to drug prohibition (355804)
8.00 Brookside. Drama set in a Merseyside cul-de-sac. Barry is beset by worries about the club and Mandy Jordache finds she has a lot of explaining to do. (Teletext) (s) (6610)



NHS cuts: Nichola McAuliffe, right (8.30pm)

8.30 Surgical Spirit. Peter Learmouth's medical comedy series with Nichola McAuliffe as an acerbic surgeon. A registrar makes a mistake in the operating theatre. (Teletext) (2945)
9.00 Comics. (Teletext) (s) (See Choice) (41313200)
11.10 Unfinished Business. American companies that do business with Northern Ireland are being forced to employ on an equal basis, but in Northern Ireland itself, a Catholic is two and a half times more likely to be unemployed than a Protestant (956129)
12.10am Making Hay. Writer, director and former Python, Terry Jones offers his final report on the Hay-on-Wye Festival of Literature (9736576)
12.55 Valentine Falls. Mark Brennan's play about a young black Englishman, Valentine, who applies to be a barman in a Belfast pub with unpredictable results. Starring Gary McDonald, Michelle Fairley and Emer McCourt (r) (9230412). Ends at **2.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (642823) **5.10-5.40** Sixth Sense (8942200) **6.00** Home and Away (373620) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (519804) **10.40** Love Call (796115) **11.40** IndyCar 93 (491397) **12.35** Kojak (9529717) **1.30** Sport AM (91446) **2.30** Donahue (2463243) **3.20** The Beat (3452972) **4.15** Get Stuffed (45443330) **4.30** Riviera (33835791) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3423663)

BORDER
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Paint With the Flying Artist (642823) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7355736) **6.00** Lookaround (484) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (736) **10.40** Boxing (796115) **11.40** Ice Hockey (491397) **12.35** Kojak (9529717) **1.30** Sport AM (91446) **2.30** Donahue (66224) **3.20** The Beat (9976040) **4.15** Get Stuffed (45443330) **4.30** Riviera (33835791) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (651571) **1.45** Home and Away (650842) **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (642823) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7355736) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8942200) **6.00** Home and Away (373620) **6.25-7.00** Central News (519804) **10.40** Boxing (796115) **11.40** Film: The Deadly Game (813991) **1.30** Crime Story (8378021) **2.25** The 291 Club (2385446) **3.25** 60 Minutes (3451243) **4.20** Jobfinder (74849885) **4.50** Karm Bhoomi (25730827) **5.20-5.50** Asian Eye (8763069)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (651571) **1.45** Home and Away (650842) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (9889281) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7355736) **5.10-5.40** Hunt the Pie (8942200) **6.00** Home and Away (484) **6.30** Granada Tonight (736) **10.40** Boxing (796115) **11.40** Ice Hockey (491397) **12.35** Kojak (9529717) **1.30** Sport AM (91446) **2.30** Donahue (2463243) **3.20** The Beat (3452972) **4.15** Get Stuffed (45443330)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45** Blockbusters (650842) **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (642823) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (7355736) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (48736) **10.40** The Andy Sheppard Wrap (205281) **11.10** Love at First Sight (199397) **11.40** Brand New Life (491397) **12.35** Kojak (9529717) **1.30** Sport AM (91446) **2.30** Donahue (2463243) **3.20** The Beat (47801953) **4.15** Get Stuffed (45443330) **4.30** Riviera (33835791) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3423663)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Primetime **10.40-11.40** Texaco Young Musicians of Wales

MERIDIAN
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Fit to Win (642823) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (484) **6.30-7.00** Southern Gold (736) **10.40** Billy (205281) **11.10-12.10** The Equalizer (958587) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (43175)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.45-2.45** Murder, She Wrote (3758002) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (361674) **6.30-7.00** Robson's People (736) **10.40** Flashback (205281) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (229587) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (1307446) **12.35** Film: There Was Once a Cop (880156) **2.25** Entertainment UK

ULSTER
As London except: **1.45** Fair City (650842) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (642823) **3.20-3.50** The Littlest Hobo (7355736) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (48736) **10.40** Ulster Hall (205281) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (229587) **12.05** Party with the Rovers (1307446) **12.35** Kojak (9529717) **1.30** Sport AM (91446) **2.30** Donahue (2463243) **3.20** The Beat (3452972) **4.15** Get Stuffed (45443330) **4.30** Riviera (33835791) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1110175)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (642823) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7355736) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (48736) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (205821) **11.15** Island Son (228658) **12.10** Soap (3890682) **12.35** Kojak (9529717) **1.30** Sport AM (91446) **2.30** Donahue (2463243) **3.20** The Beat (3452972) **4.15** Get Stuffed (45443330) **4.30** Riviera (33835791) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (3423663)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.45-2.45** Murder, She Wrote (3758002) **5.55** Calendar (361674) **6.30-7.00** Against All Odds (736) **10.40** Class of 93 (205281) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (229587) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (1307446) **12.35** Film: There Was Once a Cop (880156) **2.25** Entertainment UK (2385446) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (3451243) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (768156)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (16133) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (95939) **9.30** Ysgolion (363262) **12.00** Right To Reply (71303) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (24939) **1.00** Take Five (56610) **1.30** Blossom (16910) **2.00** Film: Leave Her To Heaven (1755) **4.00** The Garden Club (649) **4.30** The Wonder Years (533) **5.00** Fifteen to One (1026) **5.30** Brookside (113) **6.00** Newyddion (757668) **6.10** Heno (639007) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1262) **7.30** Sgorio (98939) **8.30** Newyddion (963533) **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (172858) **9.30** Cheers (98213) **10.00** Northern Exposure (829216) **10.55** Fourmations (977007) **11.40** Memento (960007) **12.10** Hay on Wye (2498021) **12.50-1.20** Dream On (8995953)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (56814769) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4339026) **9.10** Cartoons (2157485) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (82113) **10.00** Card Sharks (7394378) **10.25** Concentration (7035755) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1881668) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (79939) **11.30** Falcon Crest (95113) **12.30pm** E Street (46129) **1.00** Another World (9501216) **1.45** Santa Barbara (298026) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (841259) **3.15** Different Strokes (279991) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8193736) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6113) **6.00** Games World (3945) **6.30** E Street (1397) **7.00** Rescue (7842) **7.30** Full House (7151) **8.00** All The Rivers Run: Final part of the mini series (88129) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (94736) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (32587) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (43200) **8.30** News and Business Report (408277) **9.30** Roving Report (31007) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (99533) **11.30** Business Report (33755) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (45179) **1.30** Good Morning America (95638) **2.30** Parliament Live (28282) **3.30** Parliament Live (44571) **4.30** News and Business Report (7194) **5.00** Live at Five (30397) **6.30** News and Business Report (36281) **7.30** Special Report (8823) **10.30** Special Report (54026) **11.30** ABC News (24397) **12.30am** Getaway (51069) **1.30** ABC News (22214) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (29392) **3.30** ABC News (31137) **4.30** Special Report (33934) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (46427)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8319674)
10.00 Suburban Commando (1991): Alien Hulk Hogan moves in with Christopher Lloyd's family (40945)
12.00 Flight of the Doves (1971): Two children travel to Ireland (12281)
2.00pm Tom Brown's Schooldays (1951): Rugby scholar John Howard Davies is bullied by John Forrest (81216)
4.00 The Angel Levine (1970): Harry Belafonte watches over Zero Mostel (4945)
6.00 Suburban Commando (as 10am) (98652)
8.00 'Til Death Us Do Part (1991): Lovers murder the woman's husband to collect the insurance. With Treat Williams (93800200)
9.40 UK Top Ten (439484)
10.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991): Arnold Schwarzenegger returns as the futuristic cyborg (12098868)

12.15 Graveyard Shift (1990). Workers are killed by a plague of rats (192935)
1.45 Adam's Woman (1970): Beau Bridges plots to escape a penal colony (41047446)
3.50 Father (1991): Max Von Sydow is accused of war crimes. With Carol Drinkwater (36302750). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Agony and the Ecstasy (1965): Charlton Heston stars as Michelangelo. With Rex Harrison (77272692)
8.15 The Virgin Soldiers (1969): Bawdy comedy about National Service recruits in Singapore. With Hywel Bennett (90899604)
10.00 Risky Business (1983). Tom Cruise becomes involved with prostitute Rebecca De Mornay (411397). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Is Paris Burning? (1966). Epic account of the liberation of Paris in 1944. With Jean-Paul Belmondo (23092910)
8.45 Red Riding Hood (1988) Retelling of the Grimm brothers' fairy-tale (4059604)
10.10 A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967): Children's adventure yarn, courtesy of Hammer Films (42657842)
12.00 On the Double (1961): Danny Kaye impersonates an English general (10823)
2.00pm The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981). Lily Tomlin shrinks to an inch (89858)
4.00 Red Riding Hood (as 8 45am) (13571)
5.30 Xposure: Film news (6842)
6.00 Woman With a Past (1992): Pamela Reed is arrested for armed robbery (96194)
8.00 Don't Tell Her It's Me (1990): Shelley Long leaches her brother Steve Guttenburg how to find true love (29699)
10.00 Once Around (1990): Holly Hunter falls in love with Richard Dreyfuss (68465)
12.00 Why Me? (1990): Crime caper about two jewel thieves (65311)
1.30am True Confessions (1981): Drama about the relationship between brothers Robert De Niro and Robert Duvall (902311)
4.00 The Seduction of Joe Tynan (1979): Political drama with Alan Alda and Meryl Streep (73779). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (63939) **7.00** Solent Games Athletics (74533) **9.00** Prime Bodies (81303) **9.30** World Sports Special (29007) **10.00** Beckenham Tennis (32571) **12.00** Cycling: The Milk Race (15858) **1.00pm** History of the TT Races (28378) **2.00** Stella Artois Tennis (6271736) **6.00** Windsurfing (5945) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (3397) **7.00** German League Football (98113) **9.00** Stella Artois Tennis (92804) **10.30** Isle of Man TT Update (98216) **11.00** National Cycling League (94397) **12.00** German League Football (62040) **2.00-5.00am** Ringside Special (8698576)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (82552) **8.00** Golf (62200) **10.00** American Ice Hockey (88736) **11.00** IAAF Athletics (91200) **12.00** Motorsport Report (37026) **1.00pm** Tennis: French Open (609736) **4.00** Free Climbing (93587) **5.00** Indycar Grand Prix (3281) **6.00** Eurofun (7113) **6.30** News (8465) **7.00** Basketball (83281) **9.00** Boxing (37465) **10.00** Eurogoals (30552) **11.00** Golf (89465) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (74224)

UK GOLD
7.00am Defenders of the Earth (3430216) **7.30** Neighbours (3346823) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4495281) **8.30** EastEnders (4494552) **9.00** The Bill (4485804) **9.30** The Pallisers (9432026) **10.30** South of the Border (1511281) **11.30** Happy Ever After (8856151) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4405668) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6338939) **1.00** EastEnders (3439587) **1.30** The Bill (6320910) **2.00** George and Mildred (4108113) **2.30** After Henry (7900587) **3.00** Dallas (3657477) **4.00** Dynasty (5501084) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4198465) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7904303) **6.00** Neighbours (7901216) **6.30** The Pallisers (6455910) **7.30** George and Mildred (7818552) **8.00** EastEnders (4195649) **8.30** After Henry (4107484) **9.00** South of the Border (8946533) **10.00** The Bill (4406397) **10.30** Naked Video (4588945) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (4151543) **11.30** Dr Who: The Mutants (2763552) **12.00** Film: Blazing Justice (1936, b/w) starring Bill Cody and Gertrude Messinger (6266156) **1.00-2.00am** Video Bites (1301311)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (73991) **7.00** RatKan II (42587) **9.00** Jack in the Box (29194) **11.00** Stories Without Words (44281) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (45910) **12.00** Secret Valley (75200) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (51620) **2.00** Stories Without Words (5668) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (8620) **3.00** Bobobobs (3858668) **3.25** RatKan II (39158303) **5.00** Katts and Dog (9620) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (9736) **6.00** Fame (71484)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Countdown to Algebra
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV559: King's Consort); Smetana (Symphonic poem, Richard III: Bavarian RSO); Mendelssohn (Symphonic for Strings No 2 in D: London Festival Orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D minor)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Gershwin. Paul Guinery presents a survey of the Broadway, concert and film music of George Gershwin. The first programme covers the years 1920-1926, including Sweet and Low, Tip Toes (the composer, piano); The Real American Folksong; Ladies First (Ella Fitzgerald, Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra); Swanee, Capitol Revue (Al Jolson with band); Lullaby (Cleveland Orchestra); Boy Wanted, A Dangerous Maid (Ella Fitzgerald, Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra); Oh, Lady, Be Good!, Lady, Be Good! (Fred Astaire and Oscar Peterson Sextet); Hang On to me, Lady, Be Good! (Fred and Adele Astaire, the composer); Three Preludes (the composer); Rhapsody in Blue (the composer, Paul Whiteman and his Concert Orchestra); Fascinating Rhythm, Lady, Be Good! (Ella Fitzgerald, Nelson Riddle)
10.00 Telemann: Overture in B flat; Cantata, Erscheine, Gott, in deinem Tempel; Overture No 5 in E flat, Cantata, Das mässige Glück; Sonata prima in A; Cantata, Packe dich, gelähmter Drache; Sonata in E minor for two violins; Concert in E flat, Tafelmusik
12.00 Vintage Years: Lyndon Jenkins examines the legacy of the Spanish conductor Ataulfo Argenta
1.00pm News
1.05 Music for a While: Country and Town. Music for the church, court and tavern by Purcell and his contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Commentary on the final day's play in the first Test at Old Trafford by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver, with Trevor Bailey and David Lloyd. The scorer is Bill Frindall
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: Live from the Festival Hall, London. Libor Pesek conducts Smetana (Vysehrad; Vltava; Sarka; Blanik, Ma Vlast). **8.25** Westwards or Eastwards Ho? Nicholas Till explores the cultural dilemma of Czechs. **8.45** Janáček (Glagolitic Mass)
9.40 Sleepless Nights: A five-part daily diary by the pianist David Owen Norris. See Choice
9.45 Slavonic Dances: Peter Noke and Helen Krizos, piano duet, play a selection from Dvořák's Opus 72
10.00 Contemporary Violin: Paul Barritt, violin, and Catherine Edwards, piano, play Schnittke (Prelude in memoriam Dmitri Shostakovich); Takemitsu (From far beyond the chrysanthemums and November fog); Casken (A belle Pavine); Lutoslawski (Partita)
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 John Dowland: The Consort of Musicke under Anthony Rooley explores Dowland's cultural circle, with songs by Wilbye, Campion, Tomkins and Ward **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Miles and Miles of Mud: Teenager Jonathan Whitney, via the BBC sound archive, discovers that the stretch of sand beneath Southend pier has been a favourite haunt for many, including a poet laureate **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Brenda Maddox. The guests are Edmund White, Olivier Todd, Stephen Jameson and, in the opinion corner, Mog Ball
10.00-10.30 The Mating Game (FM only), with Lionel Kelleway
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from the chapel of Clifton College in Bristol
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. Read by Sir John Gielgud
10.30 Woman's Hour looks at women in Italy; Victorian poetry; and the life and work of the composer Elizabeth Lutyens. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25 Brain of Britain 1993: Round One — Midlands and East Anglia. Chairman Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Ballad of Johnny Reece, by Nick Fisher. The story of an idealistic young man who, 30 years later, is steeped in family life and haunted by disillusion. With Mark Straker and Elizabeth Mansfield (r)
3.30 Home Truths: Lord Carrington recalls his time as high commissioner of Australia in the 1950s and secretary general of Nato. He tells John Miller how his personal and professional time spent abroad has affected his view of England and the English
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope meets the novelist Adam Lively; talks to Jonathan Harvey about his opera, *The Inquest of Love,* at the English National Opera; reviews Ken Russell's *Lady Chatterley* on BBC1; and reports from this year's Royal Academy Summer Exhibition
4.45 Short Story: Characters, by Michael Carson. Read by Peter Jeffrey
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel Shyster and Flywheel (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Gaveston. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Story of San Michele, by Axel Munthe. Adapted and read by Jeremy Nicholas (6/10)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Radio Active. Starring Helen Atkinson Wood, Angus Deayton, Michael Fenton-Stevens, Geoffrey Perkins and Philip Pope (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Monday Play: Gaveston. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
There is much plotting and bloodshed in *Gaveston,* the companion piece to yesterday's Radio 3 production of Marlowe's *Edward II.* Colin Haydn Evans reconstructs Marlowe's version of the events leading to the execution of the king's favourite, Piers Gaveston, and uses the ancient oral traditions linking his death with the presence at the scene of Robin Barnesdale, also known as Robin of the Hood. Gaveston himself (Struan Rodger), describes his own final moments, choosing death by the sword rather than arrows, which would be Edward's own fate. It is an impressive, absorbing and convincing work.

Sleepless Nights. *Radio 3, 9.40pm.*
This is a breathless dash through life's little problems as encountered by an award-winning pianist and Radio 3 presenter, just to keep everyone alert after the concert each evening this week. Part of David Owen Norris's prize for winning an American competition meant playing 100 engagements over there, generally arriving from Britain ready for bed but finding it was time for lunch again. There are more one-week diaries to follow.

Kenneth Gosling

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00** Bruno Brookes: The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Cher Special: The actress and singer visits Armenia **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Nicky Horne (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **5.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** Voices. Kay Starr **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Bill Rennells **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** The Couch Potato's Guide to Creative Leisure **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia. Final day of the first Test **1.00pm** News and Sport **1.10** Summer Sport with Eleanor Oldroyd **6.30** The Mall **7.15** The Two Chefs, by Robin Klein. Read by Denise Coffey **7.30** Greywing (5/8) (r) **8.00** Streetwalk: Fleet Street, Torquay (r) **8.30** Fanshawe on Five **9.30** Fantastic Voyage **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** Coping with Old Age **8.00** News **8.30** Modern Monarchs **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** An English Alphabet **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sport **11.01** Coping with Old Age **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Composer of the Month. Grieg **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Brain of Britain **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Willem Prinsloos Peach Brandy! **3.45** Pop the Question **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** The World That Came in from the Cold **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** The Learning World **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.30** Break a Leg **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** News **3.30** Brain of Britain **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Paul Gambaccini **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Glière (Harp Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert: Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor); Holst (The Planets) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Attali reshuffle will leave him in full charge

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

■ Management changes aimed at curbing costs are unlikely to appease critics of the European Bank, who are seeking to replace or restrict its president

JACQUES Attali, the beleaguered president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, is about to unveil plans for a shake-up of the bank's top management that will keep him very much in control.

The plans, which need approval from the bank's governors, will do little to appease its US critics. The promised changes will streamline the management team and bring about changes in key posts, but leave M Attali to pursue his hands-on style of leadership. The controversial Frenchman, pilloried over the bank's heavy overheads and modest lending, intends to remain at the EBRD for his full four-year term, which ends in just under two years.

Despite last week's open attack on him from Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, and reports that he is to be "kicked upstairs" by the appointment of a powerful, possibly American, second-in-command, M Attali is today expected to issue a robust defence of the bank and his role over the past two years.

In his first public speech since the bank's annual meeting in April, when he came under fire over lavish spending on its Broadgate headquarters and staff, M Attali will address the American chamber of commerce in London. Mr Bentsen, in surprise remarks in Paris last Thursday, made clear America wants M Attali to step down, but wants the European governments behind the bank to swing the axe. His comments followed refusal by Congress to approve this year's $70 million US contribution to the bank.

Until last week, the Clinton administration, the EBRD's biggest single shareholder, had given no indication that it wanted to stir up fresh difficulties, while a special audit committee is looking into its spending and budgetary procedures. The committee, set up by the bank's governors, is due to report in mid-July.

Anne Wibble, Swedish chairman of the EBRD's governors, told Mr Bentsen at the weekend she would not be rushed into action before the committee had reported. While keen to eliminate bad practices and inefficiency, Mrs Wibble, like most European backers of the bank, made clear she considers it a valuable institution. The EBRD declined to comment on speculation about M Attali's future, but officials are understood to be concerned about the policy switch by the Clinton administration. Although the bank is not under immediate financial pressure, officials fear that withdrwal of American funding could have a damaging long-term effect.

With President Clinton struggling to get his budget approved by Congress, funds to help the former Soviet bloc are limited. As support of the Russian economy is receiving top priority in Washington, the EBRD is having to compete harder for US funding.

Baroness Chalker, head of the Overseas Development Administration, last week visited Ernest Stern, number two at the World Bank, who was considered for M Attali's job when the EBRD was planned. This led to speculation that he was being sounded out as the man to sideline M Attali at the EBRD.

Although there are strong US demands for having M Attali replaced, the European Community, which controls 51 per cent of the EBRD, is unlikely to agree. The bitter political wrangling that ended in London securing the bank and France obtaining the president's post would be reopened prematurely if M Attali were forced out.

☐ Bulgaria failed to reach agreement in talks with the EBRD on aid to modernise its nuclear power industry after rejecting demands that it close four ageing reactors. The London talks were held to negotiate the first tranche of a $28.8 million aid package for upgrading nuclear safety. Kozloduy power plant on Danube, which supplies two-fifths of Bulgaria's energy needs, has been repeatedly hit by fires and leaks.

The big wheel: Anne Evans is the brains behind a new plant that burns disused tyres at 1,000 degrees centigrade to make electricity for the Midlands

Navy steps up campaign for Trident refit at Devonport

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Navy is stepping up its campaign for Devonport dockyard in Plymouth to win the multi-billion pound contract to refit Britain's Trident nuclear submarines.

A decision in favour of Devonport would spell the end for Rosyth Royal Dockyard on the Firth of Forth in Scotland, where almost 5,000 are employed, putting a further 9,000 jobs there at risk and further undermining Conservative support in Scotland.

But it would secure 5,000 jobs at Devonport and 18,000 other jobs in the South West, perhaps halting the political advance of the Liberal Democrats. The cabinet is expected to decide where to place the contract this week or next.

A leaked Navy letter seen by *The Times* says the benefits of choosing Devonport far outweigh any gains from the proximity of Rosyth to the Navy's ballistic missile submarine base at Faslane, on the Clyde. The letter was written earlier this month by Commodore Roger Lane-Nott at the Northwood headquarters of the submarine service to Rear Admiral Graham Davis, the director general of Fleet Support (Policy and Services) at the ministry of defence.

It says: "If Rosyth Royal Dockyard is to be retained it cannot be on the grounds that facilities at Rosyth give greater support to the submarine flotilla than those at Devonport.

"While there are obvious advantages to the SSBN (ballistic missile boats) and SSN (nuclear hunter-killer boats) squadrons at Faslane in having a major centre on nuclear engineering within 100 miles, the benefits to the majority of co-location with DML at Devonport are obvious."

The letter makes clear the argument over the location of the Trident support facility has become deeply entwined with an internal navy debate over location of the submarine squadrons. At present, the Navy has nine Polaris missile submarines and nuclear hunter-killer boats based at Faslane. Seven other hunter-killer boats, and the Navy's four Upholder class conventional submarines are at Plymouth.

To save money, the Navy is now believed to be resigned to the sale of the Upholder class boats. VSEL, the Barrow shipbuilder which built them, is understood to have been exploring the possibility of selling them to an overseas navy.

With an all-nuclear submarine flotilla in the offing, a faction within the Navy is pressing for all submarine operations to be concentrated at Faslane. Its supporters believe a choice of Rosyth for Trident refitting re-inforces their case.

But Commodore Lane-Nott makes plain his opposition: "Whatever the size of the flotilla, if it were based at Faslane with the remainder of the navy in the South, the Royal Navy would not sustain a viable submarine force."

New plant will turn tyres into electricity

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWNE

THIS summer Britain will see the first power to come from a power station in Wolverhampton fired by used car and lorry tyres. The plant, claimed to use a combustion system that is entirely odourless because it burns the tyres at 1,000 degrees centigrade, is the branchild of Anne Evans and is designed to supply 25 megawatts of electricity directly to Midland Electricity, enough to provide power for 25,000 households.

The project, which could use a quarter of Britian's waste tyres, stemmed from the Department of Trade and Industry's search for ideas to use the 26 million tyres that are thrown away each year, most of which cannot be re-used.

Tyres are used to generate power in America, and the DTI turned to Mrs Evans, an American tyre expert, to help develop a plant here. She formed Elm Energy and bought the 5.5 acre site of a former steel works in Ettingshaw Village, near Wolverhampton. This was picked for its central location, but also proved a good choice when seeking planning permission against a tide of opposition, since Goodyear is based nearby and Dunlop and Michelin tyre factories are in the area.

Apart from electricity, the plant will produce useful by-products, such as zinc. Mrs Evans, who ran her family's Connecticut tyre remoulding business before working as a consultant, said: "In these environmentally conscious times it is satisfying to be able to get rid of waste cleanly and turn it into useful everyday products at the same time."

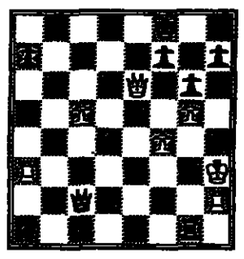
The Ettingshaw plant is backed by National Indiana Public Services, an American waste disposal group that now owns 95 per cent.

Mrs Evans is planning more plants, mainly abroad, but also one at East Kilbride, which is hoping for planning permission, despite opposition based on environmental grounds.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Gauglitz – Horvath, Debrecen 1987. The white king is totally exposed, but black appears to have run out of steam. Although the white queen is attacked, so is black's, and there are no obvious checks. What did black play? To book your seat for *The Times* World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short ring First Call on 071-497 9977.



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TAMELETJIE
a. Tough toffee
b. A veld baby
c. A little cap with ties

PEDOCAL
a. A foot-warmer
b. A type of soil
c. A child-minder

BULLI
a. Another type of soil
b. A kind of corned beef
c. A disomatous bulb

KAFFEEKLATSCH
a. Gossip over coffee
b. A fowling net
c. A native kraal

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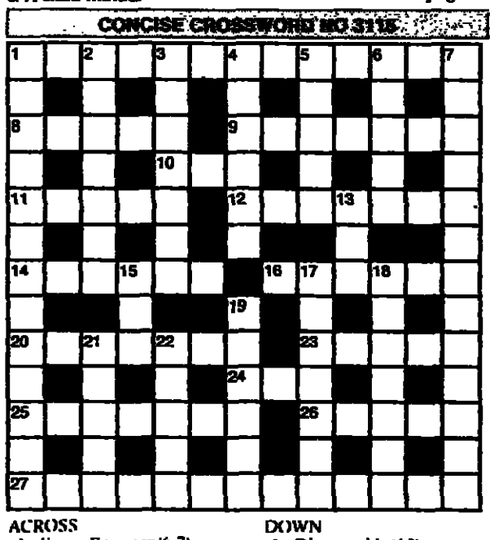

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12 Stipulation (7)
14 Blow in air (6)
16 Stalingrad hero (6)
20 Necessary (7)
23 Yarn coil (5)
24 Priest's vestment (3)
25 Woman's room (7)
26 Banishment (5)
27 Edification (13)

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1 Discoverable (13)
2 Actor's helper (7)
3 Very smart (7)
4 Warm spring (3,3)
5 Walt Disney dog (5)
6 Stanley/Livingstone place (5)
7 Awkward (3,10)
13 Computer screen (1,1,1)
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19 Bordeaux red (6)
21 Matching (5)
22 Press mould (5)

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New offer ready in Leyland trucks battle

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE battle for control of Leyland DAF's trucks division will intensify this week as Ian McKinnon, a former Leyland DAF director, launches a £100 million bid rivalling a deal struck on Friday.

The receivers, from Arthur Andersen, agreed a bid from the management for the Leyland DAF truck assembly plant in Lancashire, believed to be worth between £25 million and £30 million.

Mr McKinnon said yesterday that he will put a bid on the table by Thursday for the entire trucks division, including the Leyland assembly plant, the Leyland components business, the spare parts operation in Chorley, the Albion axles plant in Glasgow, operations in Thame, and for the sales and marketing and distribution businesses.

He said funding should be in place within two weeks.

The management bid would save 700 jobs. Mr McKinnon said his would save 1,500.

A spokesman for the joint receivers said: "The position of the Leyland plant is determined. They have made an agreement, subject to legal formalities, with the management buyout team. The receivers will look for other buyers for the remaining trucks businesses.

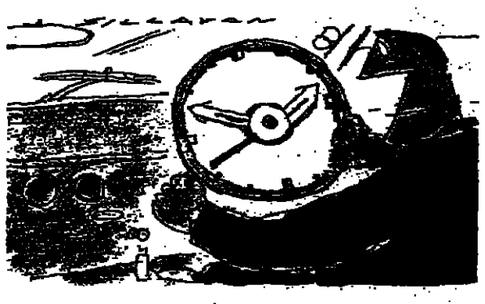
North Sea firms fight tax change

OIL service companies are urging Stephen Dorrell, Treasury financial secretary, to alter Budget changes in petroleum revenue tax (PRT) in Commons standing committee this week, so as to phase them in over two to five years (Graham Searjeant writes).

A MORI survey, for ASSOC, the trade association, found that more than half of respondents felt that business had already fallen because of the changes and expected to cut jobs. The changes cut PRT on producing fields but end it on future fields, thus disallowing exploration against tax. Ministers admit exploration work will fall in the short term.

Watch out for the Swiss car

BY COLIN NARBROUGH



THE Swiss economy may have fallen off its alp, but the successor to its cuckoo clock industry is conquering new profit peaks with a distinctly Helvetian mixture of innovation and top quality.

Nicolas Hayek's SMH, the merciful shorthand for *Société Suisse de Microélectronique et d'Horlogerie*, is forecasting that it will push profits to a record height again this year after reporting a 64 per cent surge in 1992 earnings. The profit advance to 413 million Swiss francs (£186 million) was all the more remarkable for coming from a rise in sales of only 20 per cent to SFr2.4 billion. Sales in the first four months of this year were 16 per cent up on a year ago, with profit rising even more.

Mr Hayek's success owes much to the width of his range of recession-proof, world-brand watches — from Omega and Tissot to Certina. He attributes current profitability to the Swatch, the cleverly priced, ever changing timepiece that revolutionised Swiss watchmaking.

Mr Hayek's real dream is the Swatchmobile, an environment-friendly, electric car that he is determined to have on the road by 1996. Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, was to have been his partner, but VW's cost-cutting new management has pulled out.

Buoyed by Swatch sales, Mr Hayek is in talks with new potential partners for the car. A deal is on the cards for later this year. In an age of fast technological change, Switzerland might become as big in motors as in bobsleighs and chocolate.

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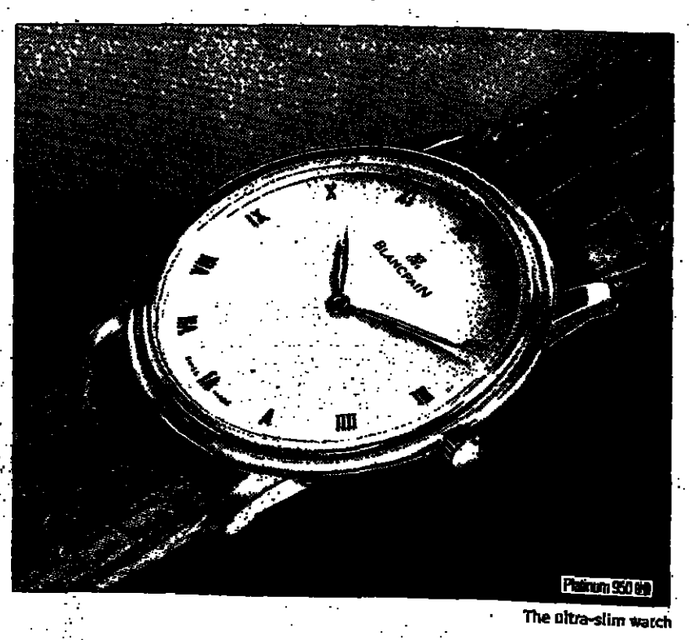

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